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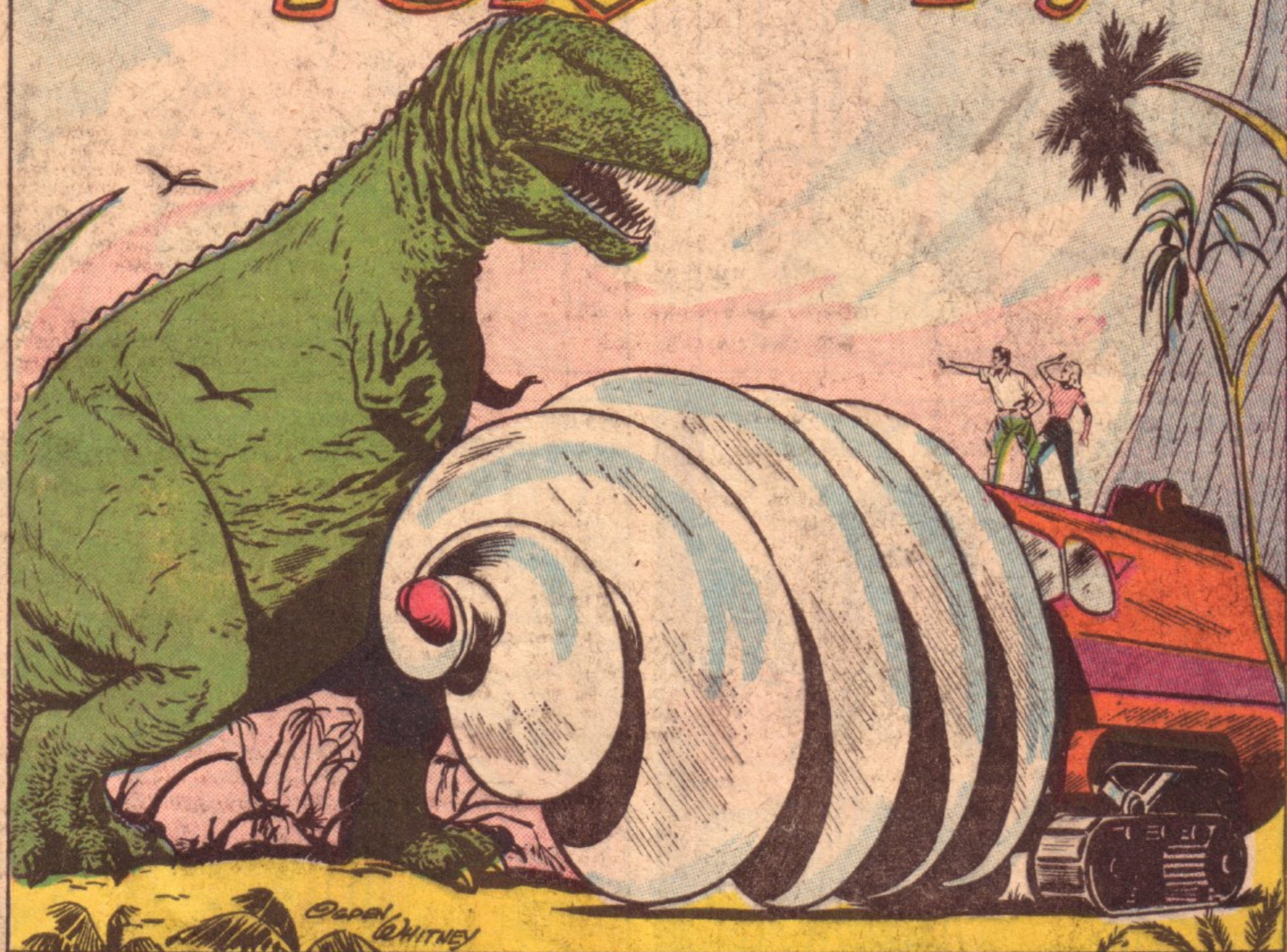
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JEFF THOMPSON NEVER DREAMED THAT HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT WOULD SEND HIM ROCKETING INTO PULSING ADVENTURE IN...

The LAND that TIME FORGOT!



JEFF WAS JUST ONE OF A SMALL ARMY OF LAB ASSISTANTS...AND ALL DAY LONG...

POUR...TEST...POUR...TEST...AND I WAS GOING TO BE A GREAT SCIENTIST! I'M SO BORED I'M GOING OUT OF MY HEAD!



IT WAS THEN THAT HE SAW THE ADVERTISEMENT...AND IT SEEMED TO PROMISE RELEASE, ADVENTURE...

WANTED
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SOUNDS AS IF IT MIGHT BE RIGHT UP MY ALLEY! I'LL WRITE TODAY!

ABLE AND EXPERIENCED, HE GOT THE JOB! IT WAS A LONG TRIP...HE HADN'T THOUGHT THAT THE DESTINATION WOULD BE THIS REMOTE...





THERE WASN'T ANYONE AROUND WHEN HE LANDED...UNTIL...

HEY! WHERE IS EVERYBODY IN THIS TWO-FOR-A-CENT, FORSAKEN HOLE?



WELL! IF YOU'RE MR. THOMPSON, OUR NEW ASSISTANT, SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE TAUGHT YOU MANNERS! I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET ON VERY WELL!



HELLO THERE...I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU! I'M PROFESSOR MYATT...I SEE YOU'VE ALREADY MET MY DAUGHTER GLORIA!

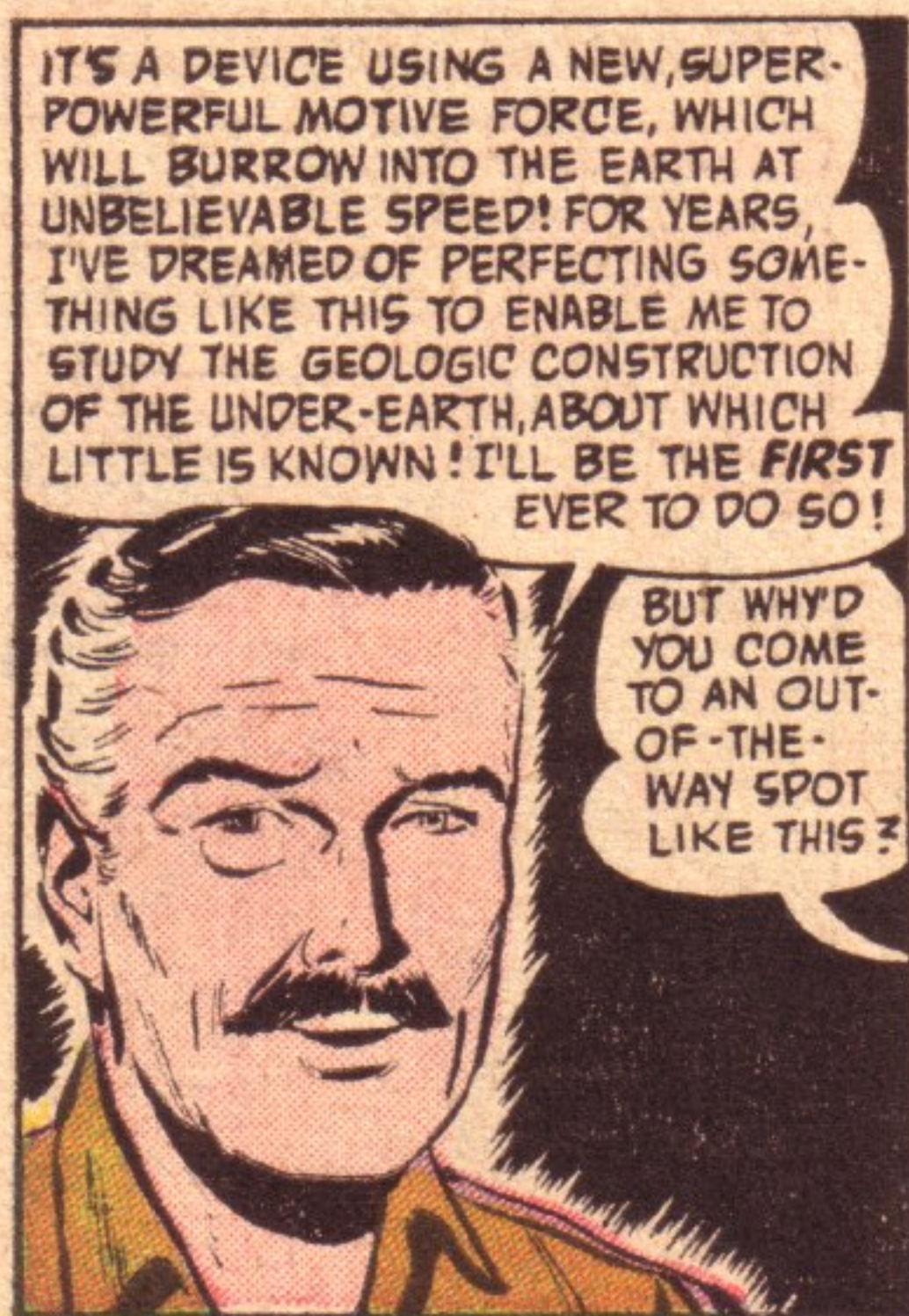
UH-HUH! I SURE HAVE MET HER, ALL RIGHT!



HE WAS CONDUCTED INTO THE LABORATORY...AND A STRANGE MACHINE MET HIS EYES...

THIS IS THE SECRET DEVICE THAT WE'RE BUILDING, GLORIA AND I! IT'S CALLED THE **EARTH-WORM**! WE'VE MADE GREAT STRIDES ALONE, BUT NOW WE NEED HELP IN THE FINISHING STAGES!

BUT WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S IT FOR?



IT'S A DEVICE USING A NEW, SUPER-POWERFUL MOTIVE FORCE, WHICH WILL BURROW INTO THE EARTH AT UNBELIEVABLE SPEED! FOR YEARS, I'VE DREAMED OF PERFECTING SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO ENABLE ME TO STUDY THE GEOLOGIC CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNDER-EARTH, ABOUT WHICH LITTLE IS KNOWN! I'LL BE THE **FIRST** EVER TO DO SO!

BUT WHY'D YOU COME TO AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY SPOT LIKE THIS?



SEE THAT VOLCANO? IT'S EXTINCT...BUT ITS CRATER IS THE DEEPEST KNOWN...A FAULT IN THE EARTH WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR MAXIMUM PENETRATION! **WE'RE GOING IN THAT WAY, GLORIA AND I!**

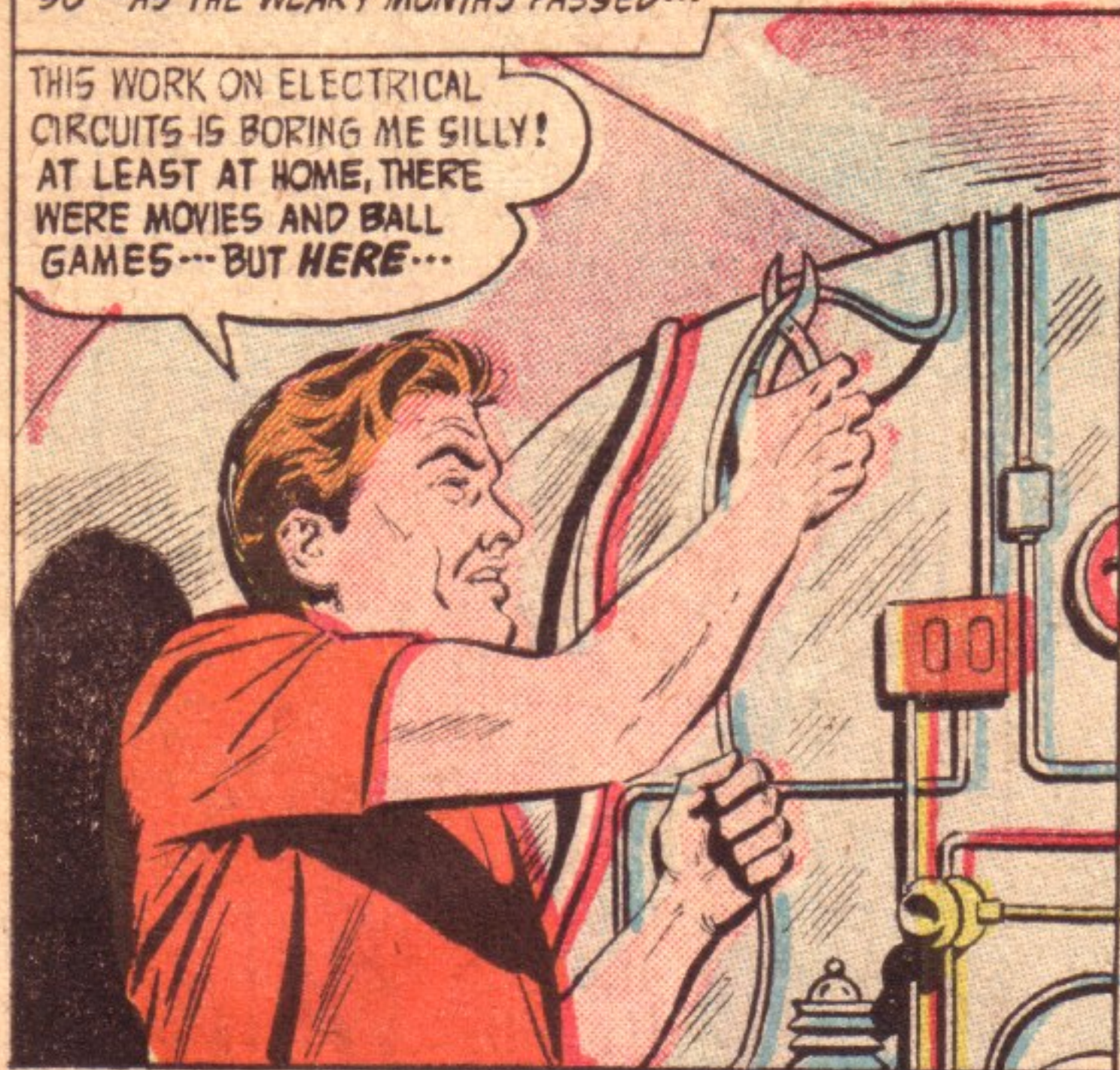


WELL, THOMPSON...WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MY PROJECT?

PROFESSOR MYATT...I THINK IT'S **NUTS!**

BUT JEFF HAD ACCEPTED THE JOB, AND HE HAD TO WORK AT IT! SO...AS THE WEARY MONTHS PASSED...

THIS WORK ON ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS IS BORING ME SILLY! AT LEAST AT HOME, THERE WERE MOVIES AND BALL GAMES...BUT HERE...



BOREDOM ALMOST INEVITABLY LEADS TO TROUBLE...AND THIS WAS NO EXCEPTION...

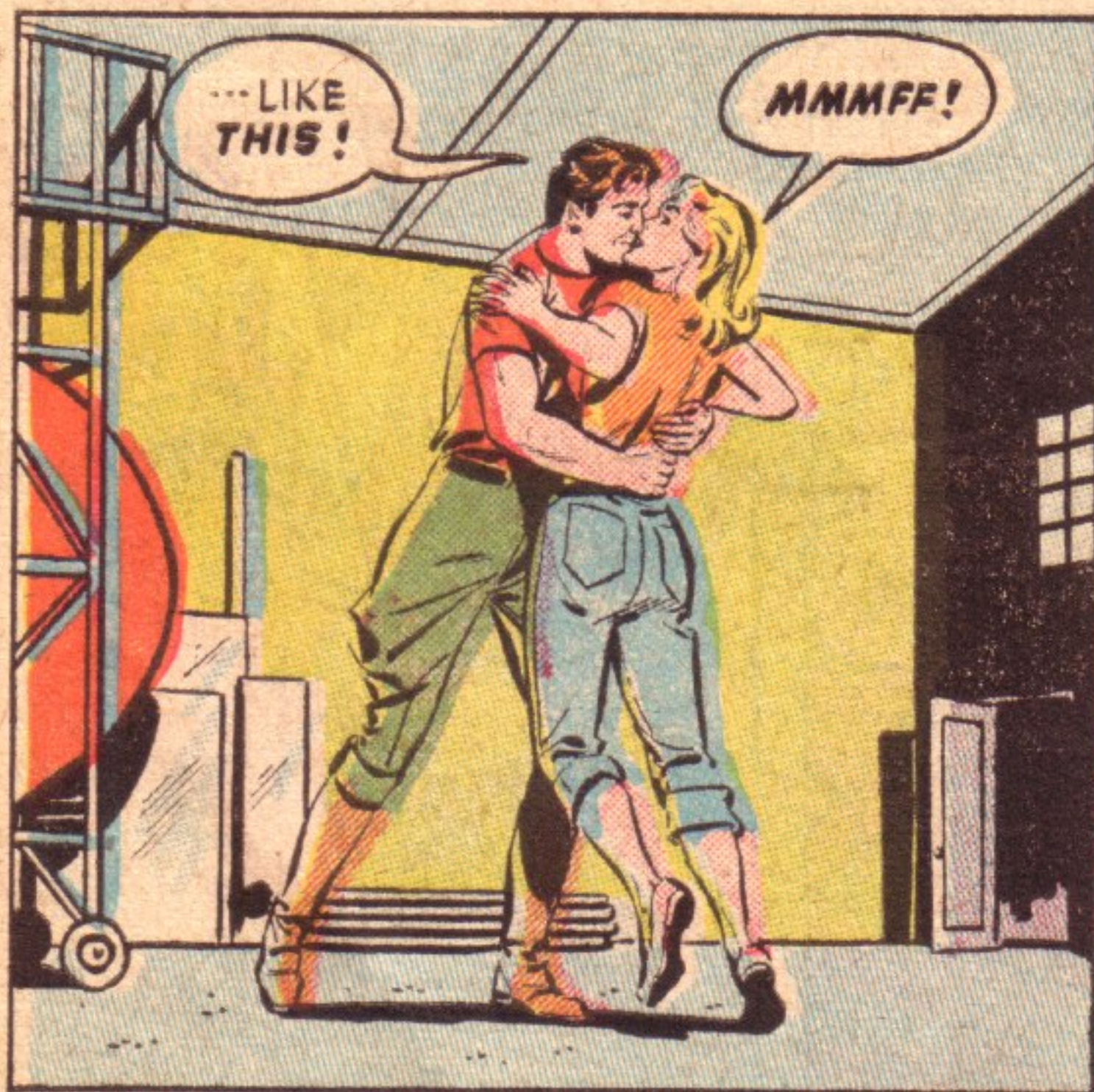
NO, I **DON'T** THINK THAT TWILIGHT WALKS WITH YOU WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE...REMEMBER, YOU'RE HERE TO **WORK!** DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER BRIGHT IDEAS?

YES, GORGEOUS...AS A MATTER OF FACT, I **HAVE!**



...LIKE THIS!

MMMFF!



TAKE THAT, YOU...YOU...

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?



THE PROFESSOR WAS SHORT-TEMPERED...AND SO...

YOU'RE **FIRED**, THOMPSON! LUCKY THE SUPPLY BOAT IS IN...YOU CAN LEAVE WITH IT!

MAYBE I'LL LEAVE...BUT IT LOOKS AS IF YOU'LL BE GETTING A LOT OF **OTHER** VISITORS! **LOOK!**



WHAT THE...! A FLOTILLA OF BOATS, COMING TO AN UNKNOWN ATOLL LIKE THIS! **WHY?**



PROFESSOR MYATT SOON FOUND OUT WHY...

WE DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE WAS HERE...BUT YOU'VE GOT TO **GET OFF!** WE'RE TESTING AMERICA'S BIGGEST **HYDROGEN BOMB**...IT'S SCHEDULED TO GO OFF OVER THIS ATOLL NEXT TUESDAY AT NOON!

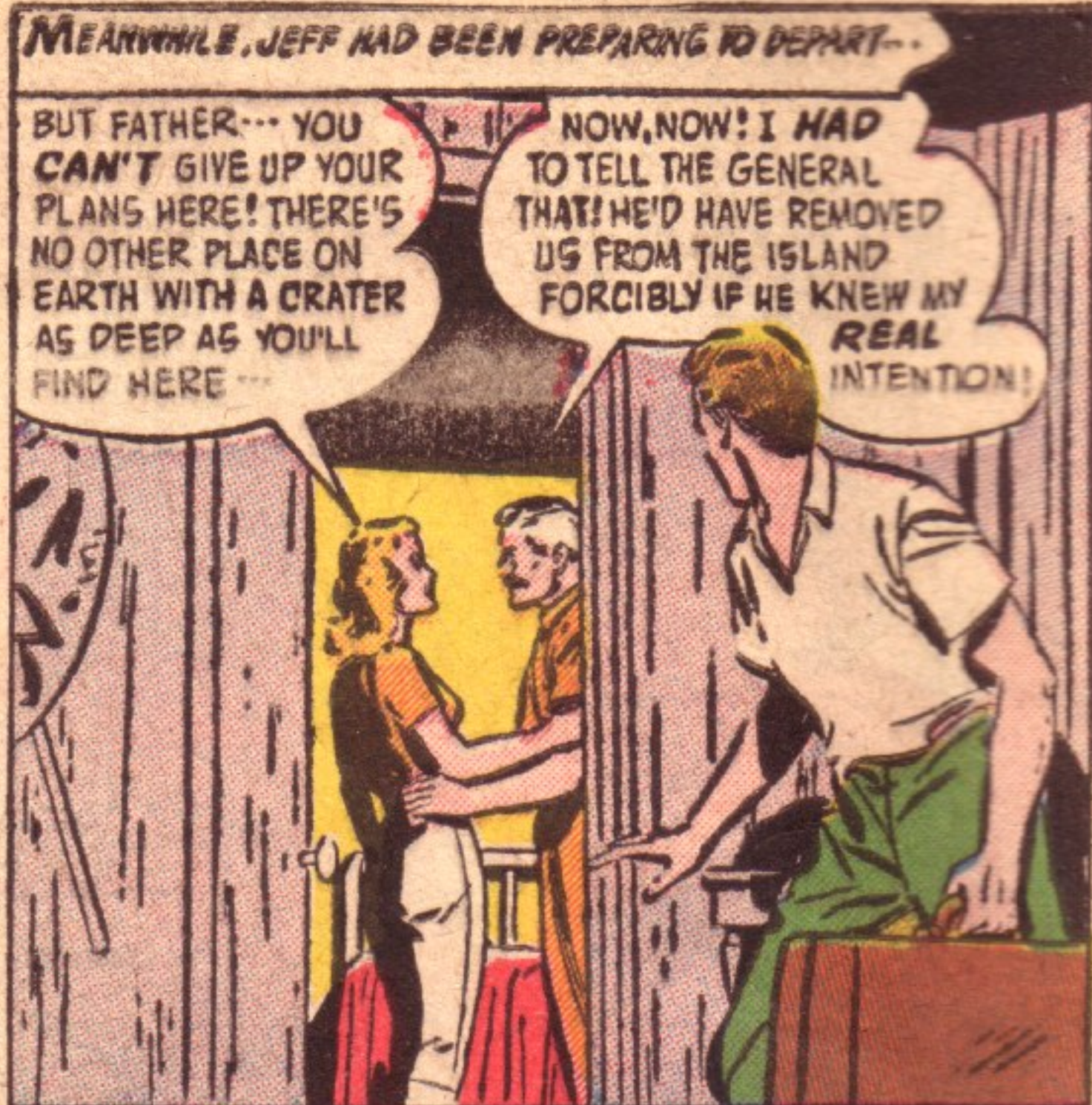
I SEE! IT'S REGRETTABLE, SINCE IT WILL INTERFERE WITH A PROJECT THAT'S VERY DEAR TO ME...





...BUT WE'LL LOAD ALL OUR EQUIPMENT ABOARD OUR SUPPLY SHIP AND BE OFF BY NIGHTFALL!

MIND THAT YOU DO! THIS PLACE WILL BE GOING UP HIGHER THAN A KITE!



MEANWHILE, JEFF HAD BEEN PREPARING TO DEPART...

BUT FATHER... YOU CAN'T GIVE UP YOUR PLANS HERE! THERE'S NO OTHER PLACE ON EARTH WITH A CRATER AS DEEP AS YOU'LL FIND HERE...

NOW, NOW! I HAD TO TELL THE GENERAL THAT! HE'D HAVE REMOVED US FROM THE ISLAND FORCIBLY IF HE KNEW MY REAL INTENTION!



THE **EARTHWORM**'S ALREADY IN SHAPE TO OPERATE! WE'LL TAKE HER OUT AS SOON AS IT'S DARK... **AND INTO THE CRATER WE GO!** WE'LL GO DOWN AS FAR AS WE CAN... AND STAY THERE UNTIL WE FIGURE THE RADIATION FROM THE H-BOMB BLAST IS DISSIPATED!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, YOU WON'T!



FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, THIS WHOLE PROPOSITION HAS BEEN HAREBRAINED! FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION, I'M GOING TO REPORT IT TO THE ARMY AUTHORITIES **RIGHT NOW!**

NO...DON'T! YOU... YOU CAN'T BLAST MY WORK, MY HOPES LIKE THAT...



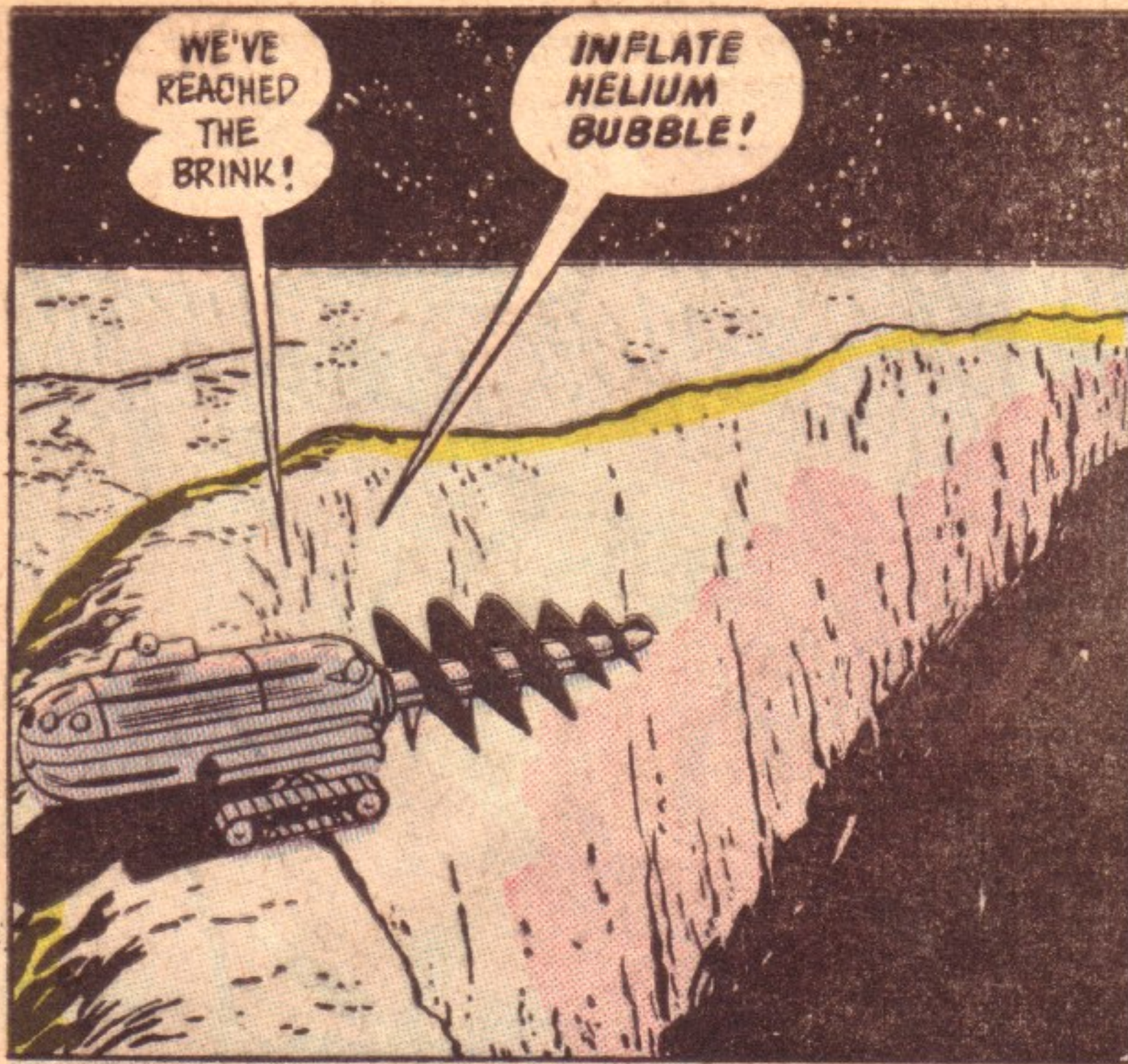
DON'T WORRY, HE **WON'T!** BUT WE'VE GOT TO WORK **FAST!**



THE HOURS PASSED...THE **EARTHWORM** WAS LOADED AND FUELED! AND WITH DARKNESS...



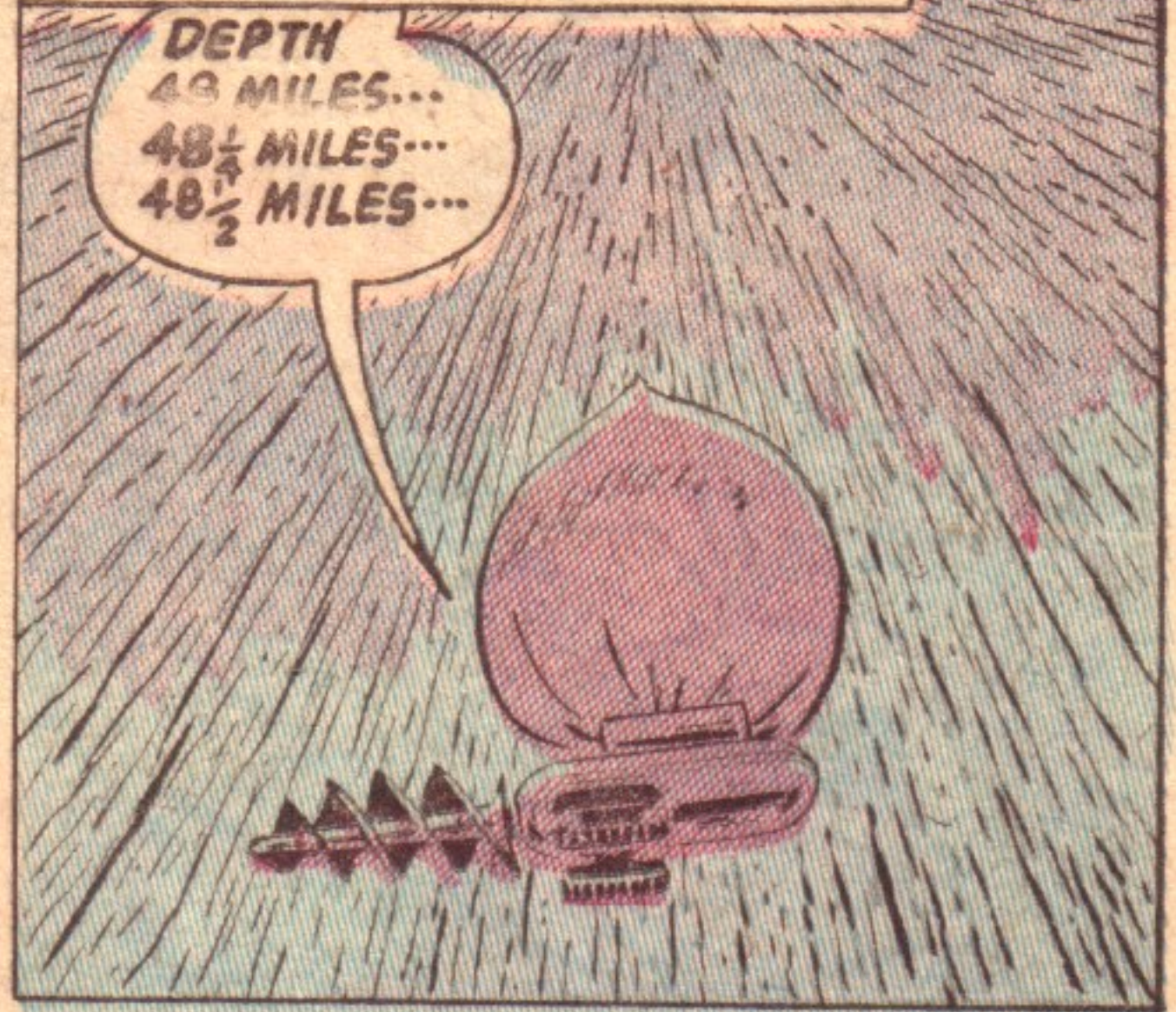
WE HAVEN'T BEEN DISCOVERED **YET!** AND NOW FOR THE **VOLCANO**... GET SET FOR SOME STEEP CLIMBING!



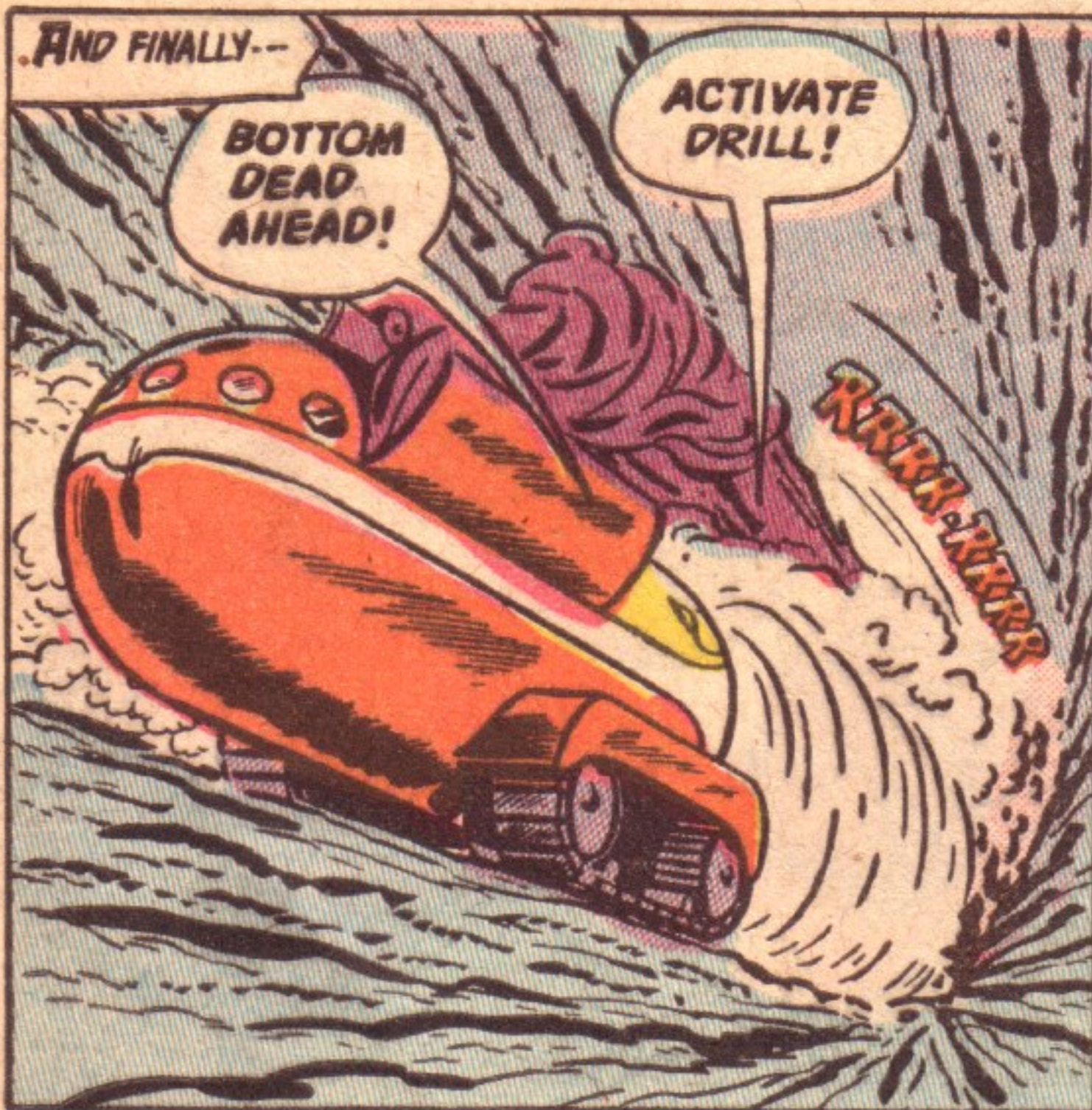
WE'VE
REACHED
THE
BRINK!

INFLATE
HELIUM
BUBBLE!

IT WAS ONE OF THE SECRETS OF THE STRANGE UNDER-EARTH DEVICE...A SELF-CONTAINED HELIUM APPARATUS THAT WAFTED THE CRAFT SAFELY DOWN THE ENORMOUS CREVASSE OF THE CRATER! DOWN, DOWN, DOWN... INTO THE VERY BOWELS OF THE EARTH...



DEPTH
48 MILES...
48 1/4 MILES...
48 1/2 MILES...



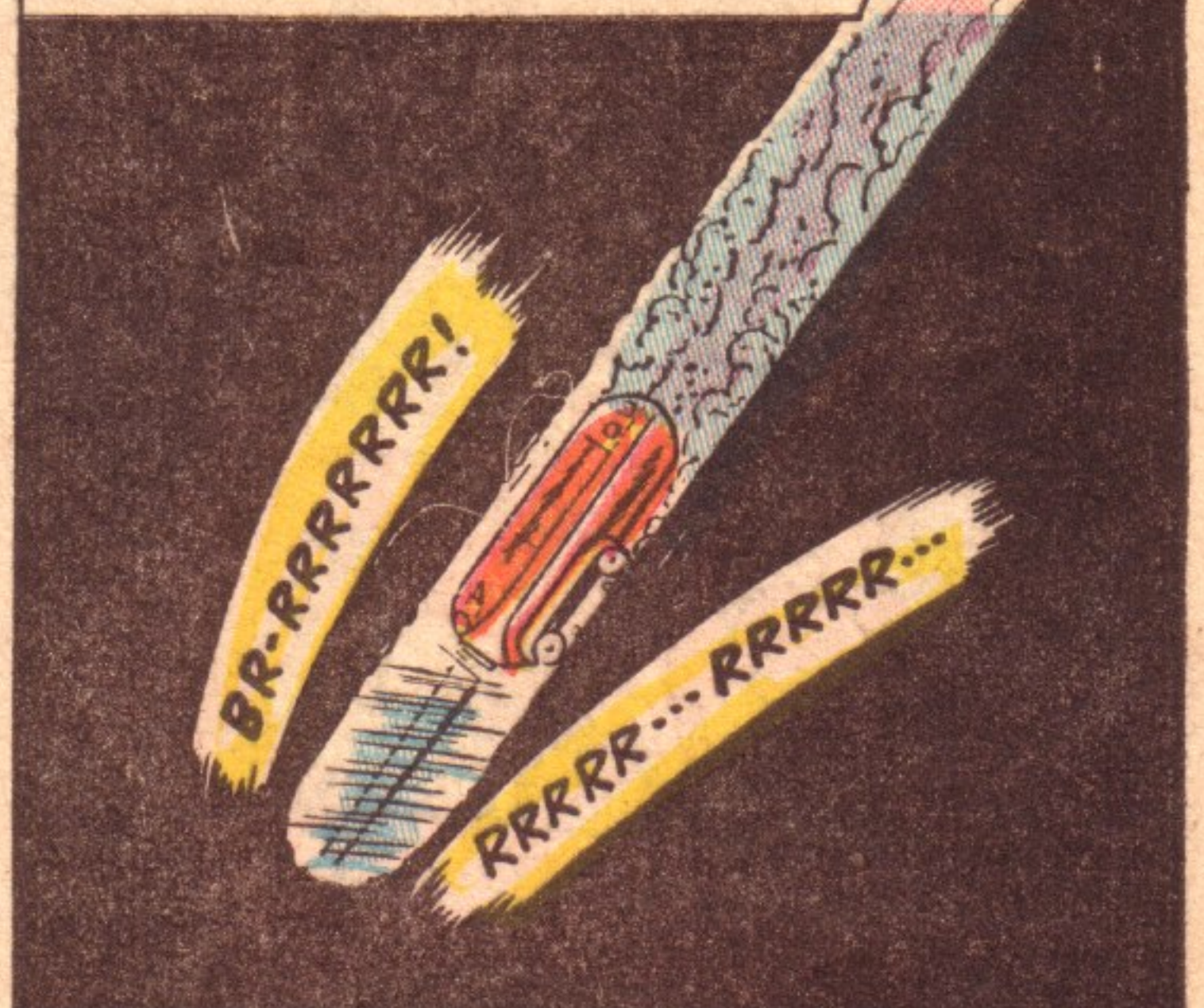
AND FINALLY...

BOTTOM
DEAD
AHEAD!

ACTIVATE
DRILL!

RRRR-RRRR

Then IT COMMENCED...THE MIGHTY DRILLING OPERATION WHICH SENT THE EARTHWORM ON ITS STEADY COURSE TOWARDS THE CENTER OF THE EARTH!



BR-RRRRRR!

RRRR...RRRR...



GLORIA!
IS SOMETHING
...WRONG?

THE VIBRATION...
IT'S...GETTING
ME! AND WHEN I
THINK...THAT WE
MAY NEVER SEE A LIVING
SOUL AGAIN...

HEY, THAT'S NOT MUCH
OF A COMPLIMENT
TO ME!



IT...IT'S
JEFF THOMPSON!
HOW'D HE GET
HERE?

SIMPLE!
I CAME TO
EARLIER THAN
YOU EXPECTED...
AND SINCE THERE
WAS NO STOPPING
YOU, I DID THE
NEXT BEST THING!
I CAME
ALONG!



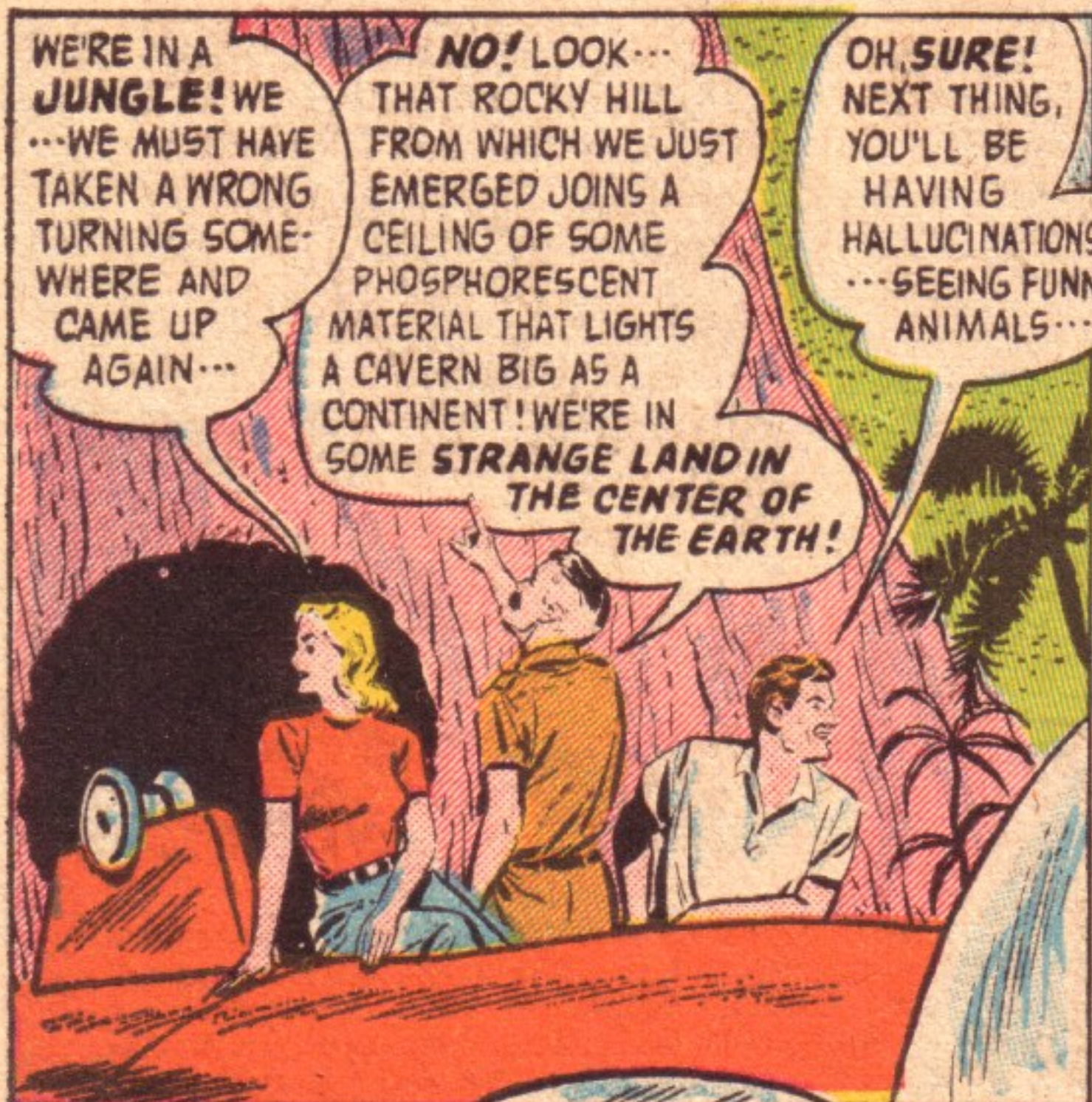
THE EXTRA PASSENGER DID NOTHING TO CHANGE THEIR PLANS! RELENTLESSLY, TIME TICKED ONWARD AS THEY CONTINUED THEIR TERRIFIC DOWNWARD COURSE! IT GREW HOTTER...HOTTER...THE AWFUL VIBRATION NEVER PAUSED...

HOW LONG'S...
THIS GOING TO
...KEEP UP?

AS...AS LONG AS
THE EARTHWORM
CAN CONTINUE
GOING DOWN!

RRRR-
RRRR-

BRRR-
RRRR...



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NO COST



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NO COST



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NO COST

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Dept. 10, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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Name _____

Address _____

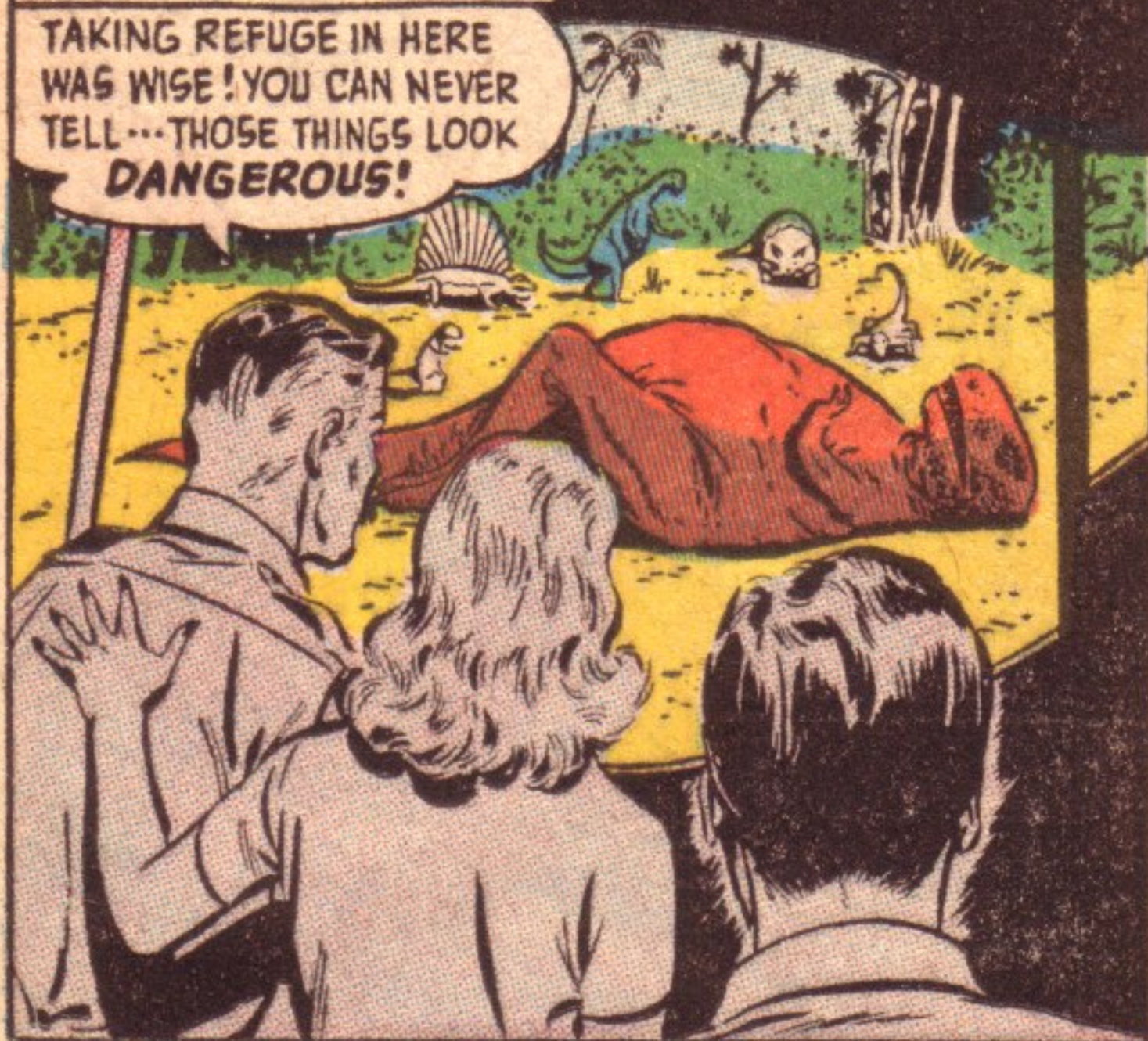
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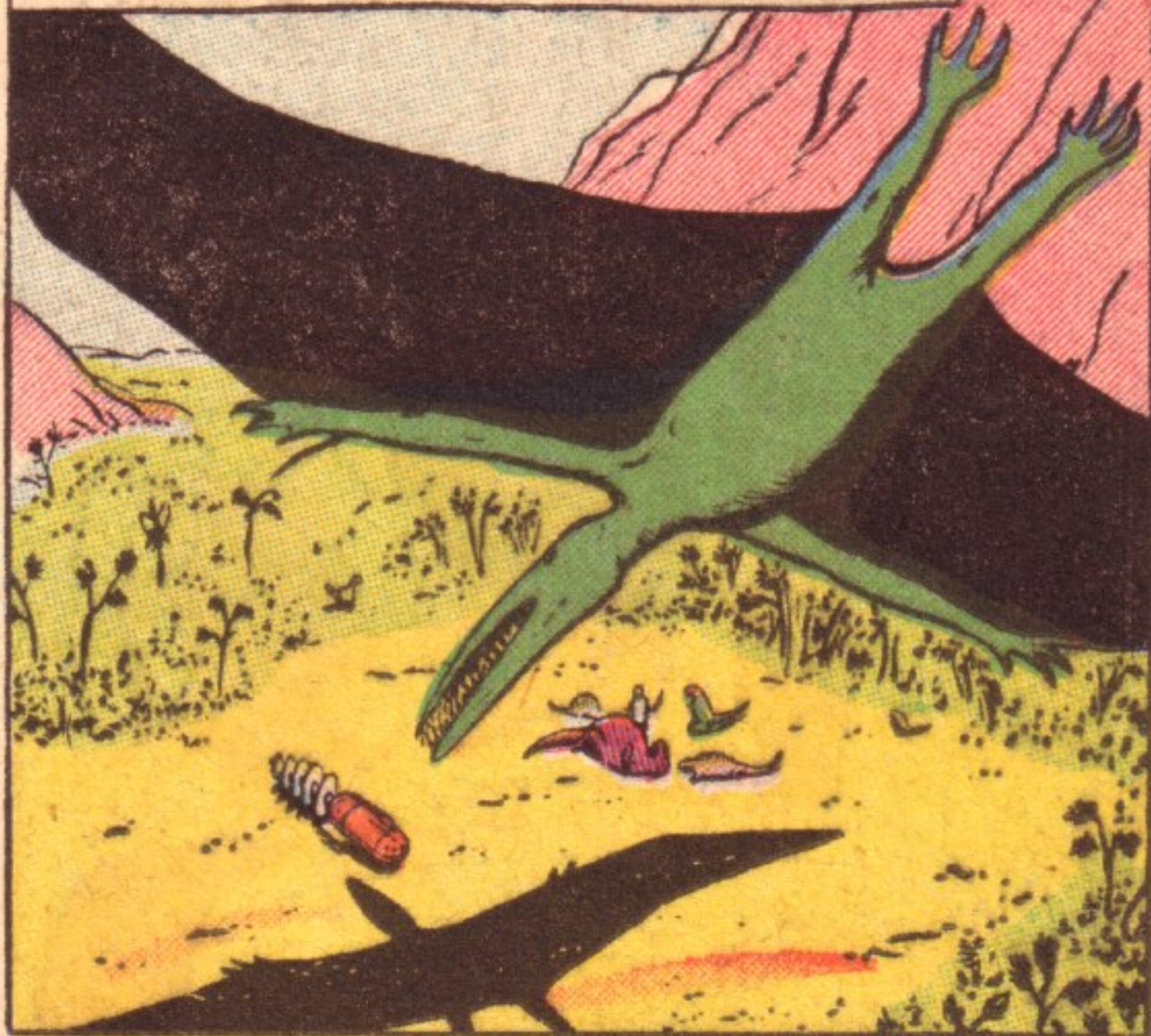


IT WAS STRANGE HOW QUICKLY CARRION CREATURES GATHERED IN THIS COUNTRY...

TAKING REFUGE IN HERE WAS WISE! YOU CAN NEVER TELL...THOSE THINGS LOOK DANGEROUS!

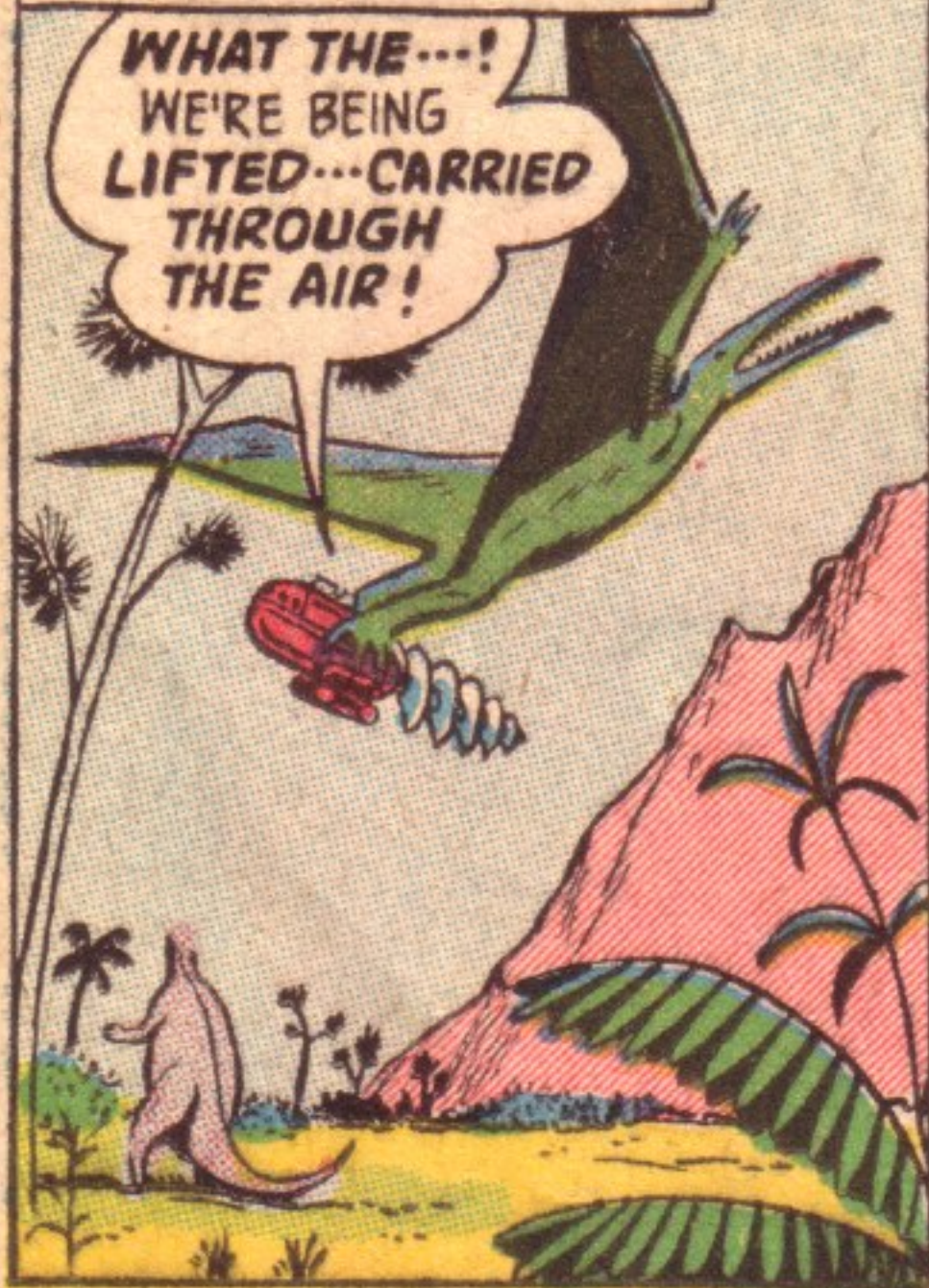


YES... BUT NOT A TENTH AS DANGEROUS AS THE CREATURE WHICH, UNBEKNOWNST, WAS PLUNGING FROM ABOVE!



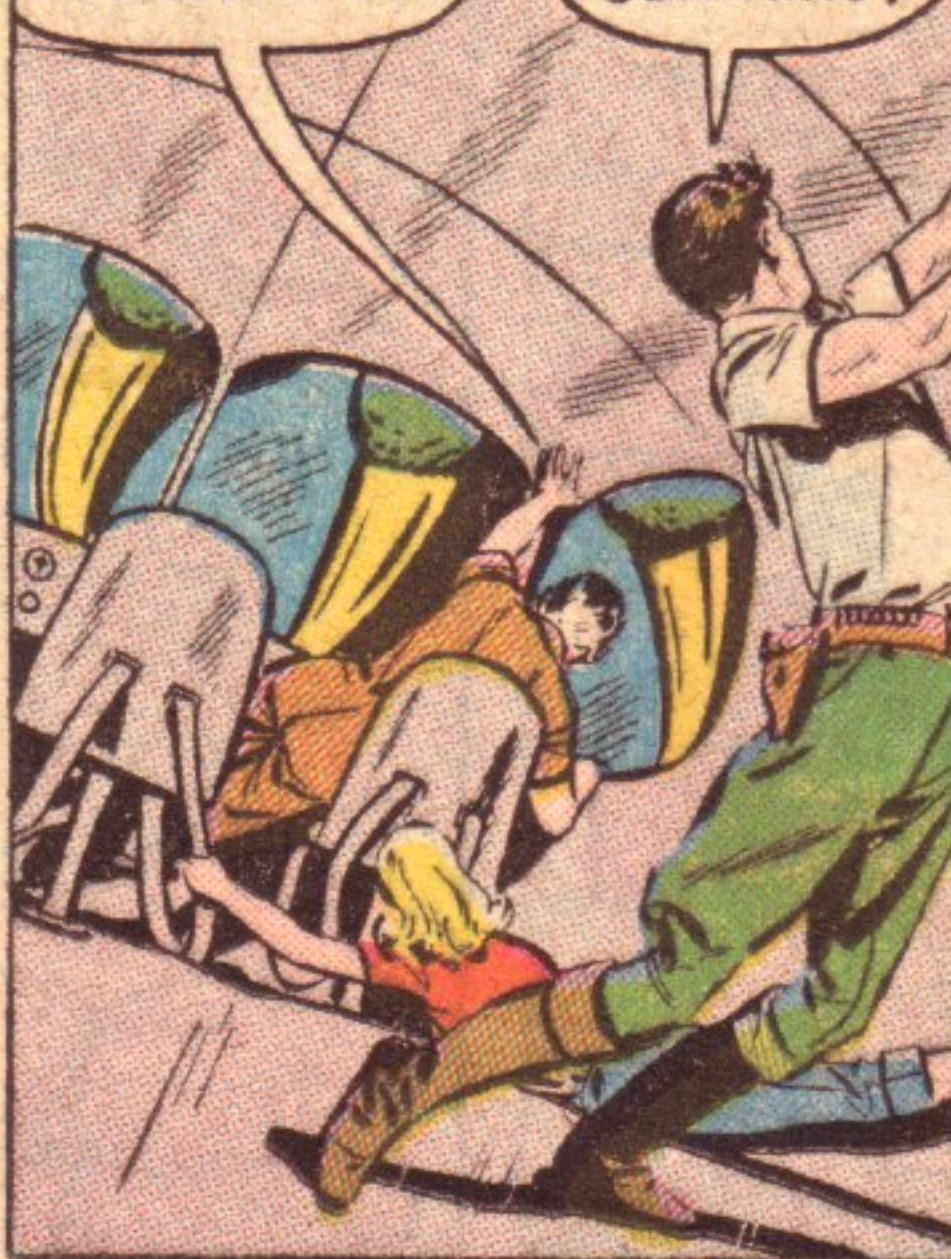
THE NEXT THING THEY KNEW...

WHAT THE...! WE'RE BEING LIFTED...CARRIED THROUGH THE AIR!



IT...IT'S A GIGANTIC PTERODACTYL!

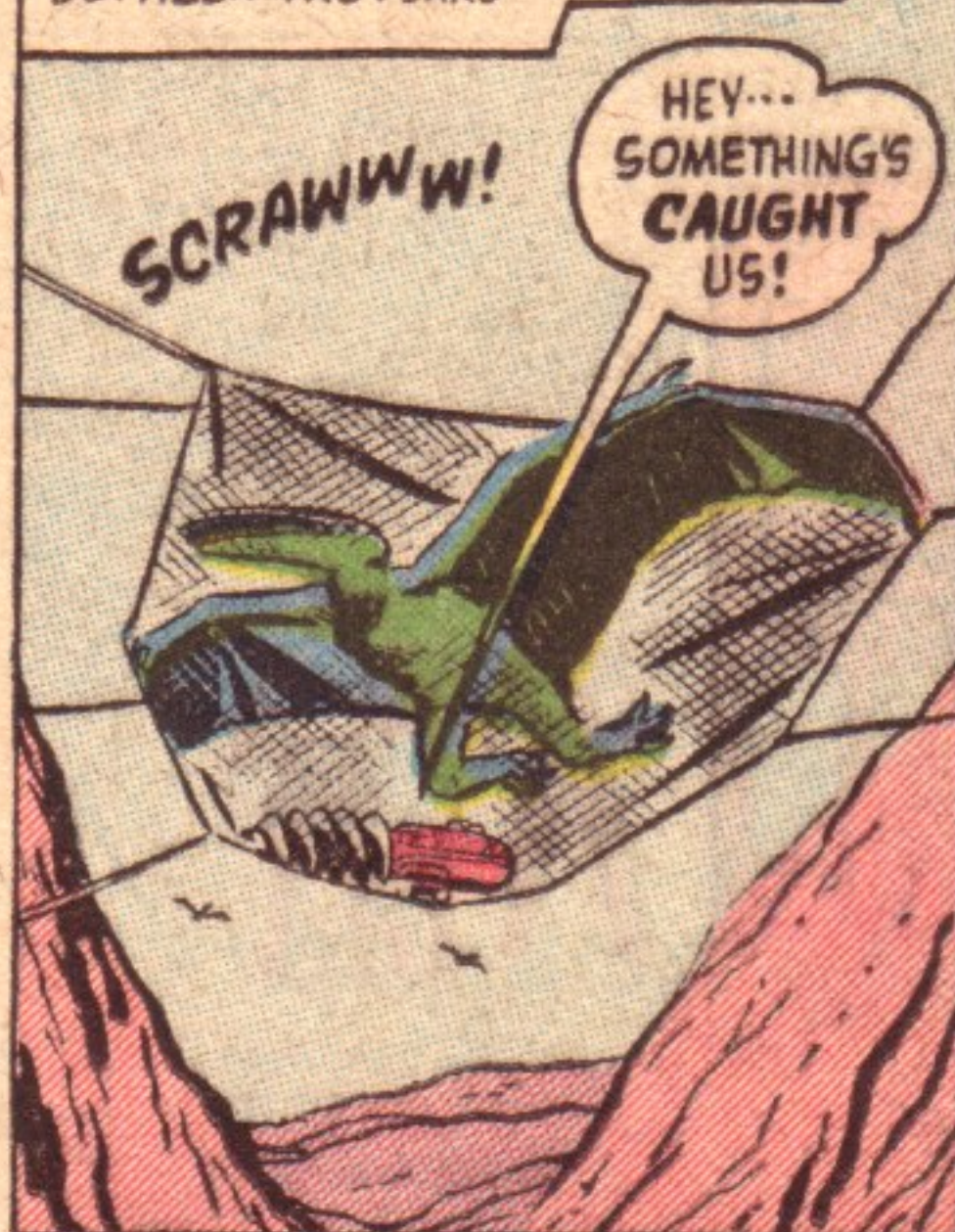
IF THE THING DROPS US...IT'S CURTAINS!



BUT PROVIDENCE WAS ON THEIR SIDE... IN THE SHAPE OF A HUGE TRAP, SLUNG BETWEEN TWO PEAKS...

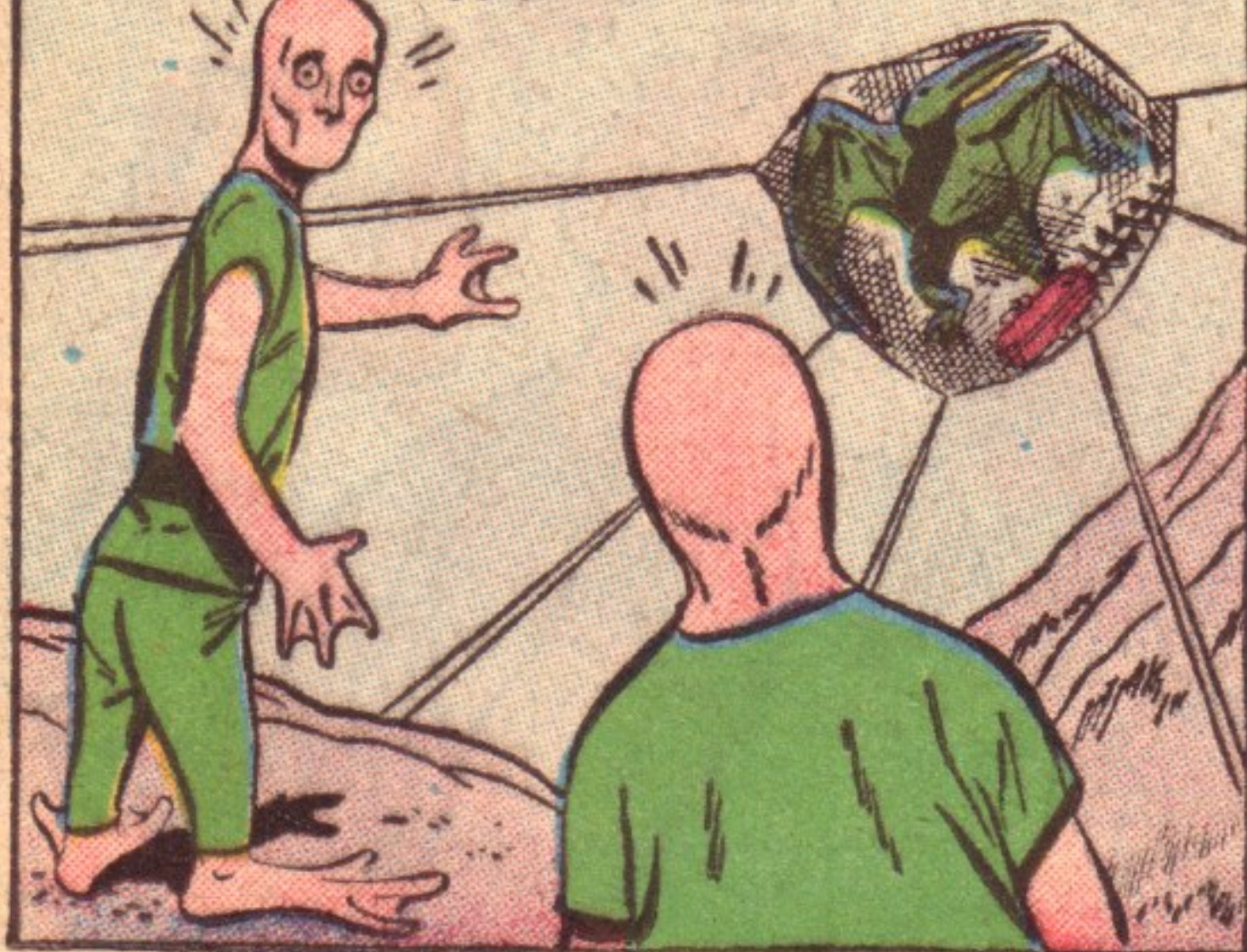
HEY... SOMETHING'S CAUGHT US!

SCRAWWW!



WE SOUGHT TO TRAP THE BEAST-BIRD...BUT THE STRANGE OBJECT IT HELD IN ITS GRIP...WHAT CAN IT BE?

WE SHALL SEE AS SOON AS IT IS DISENTANGLED FROM OUR NET!

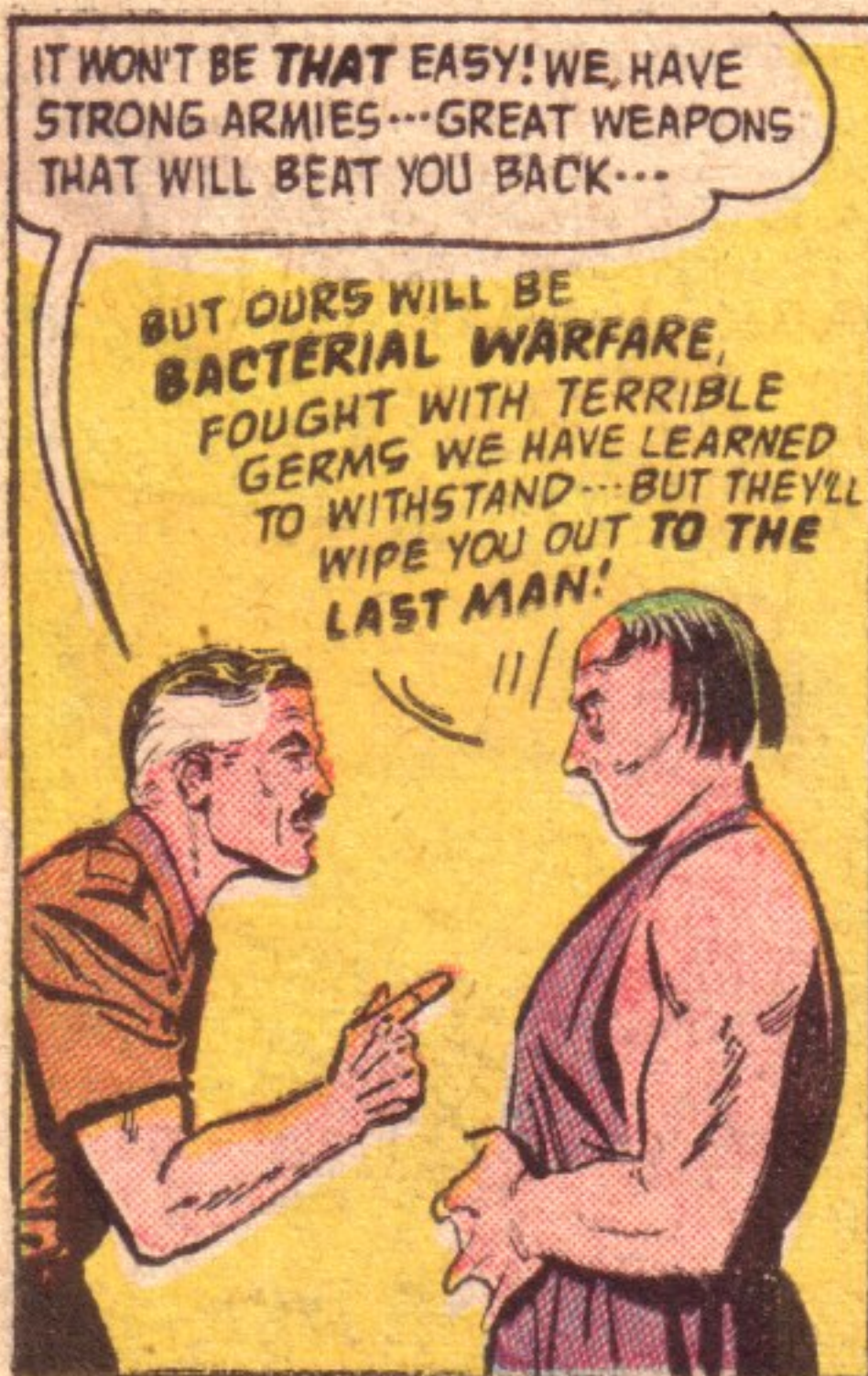
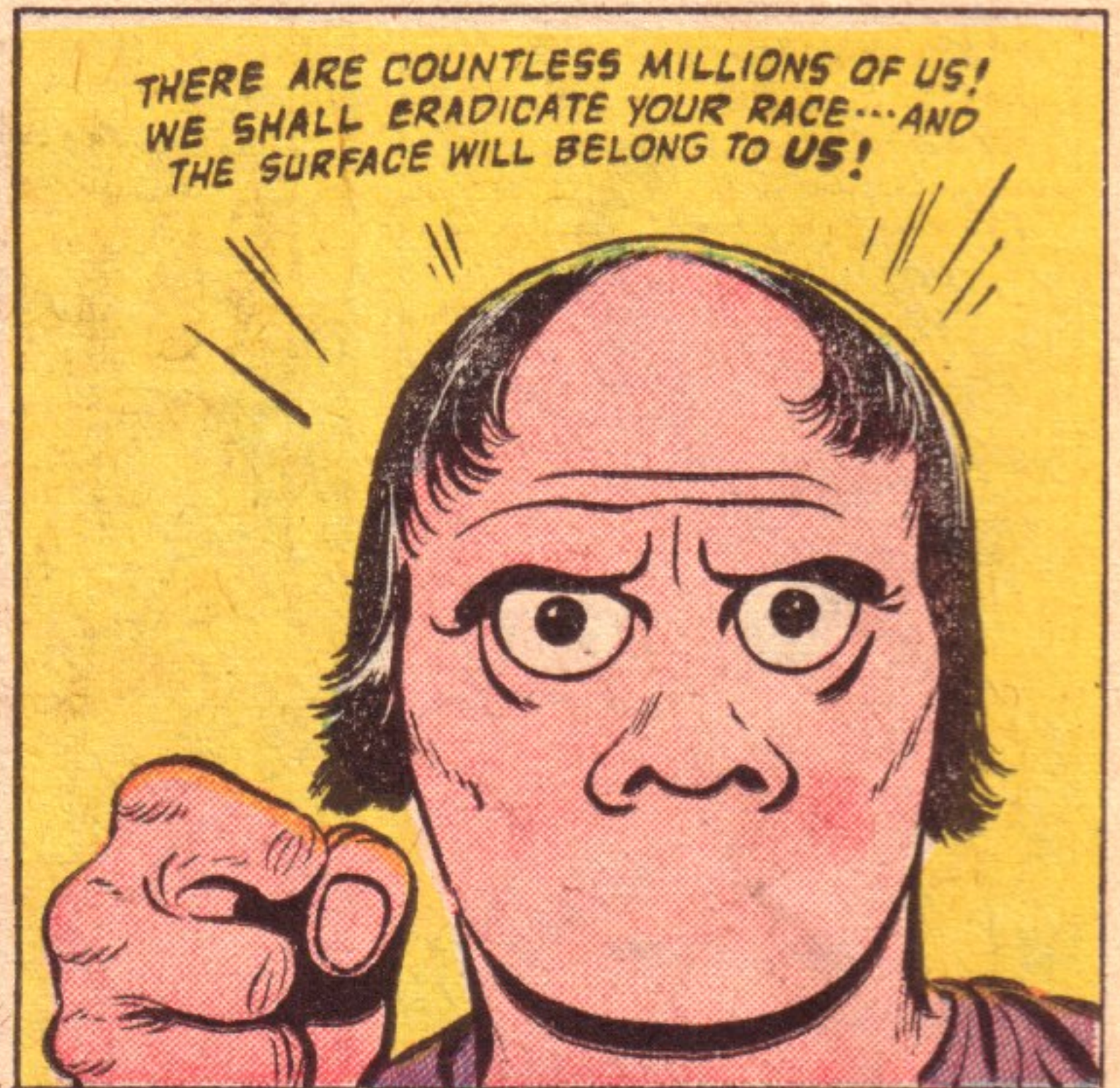
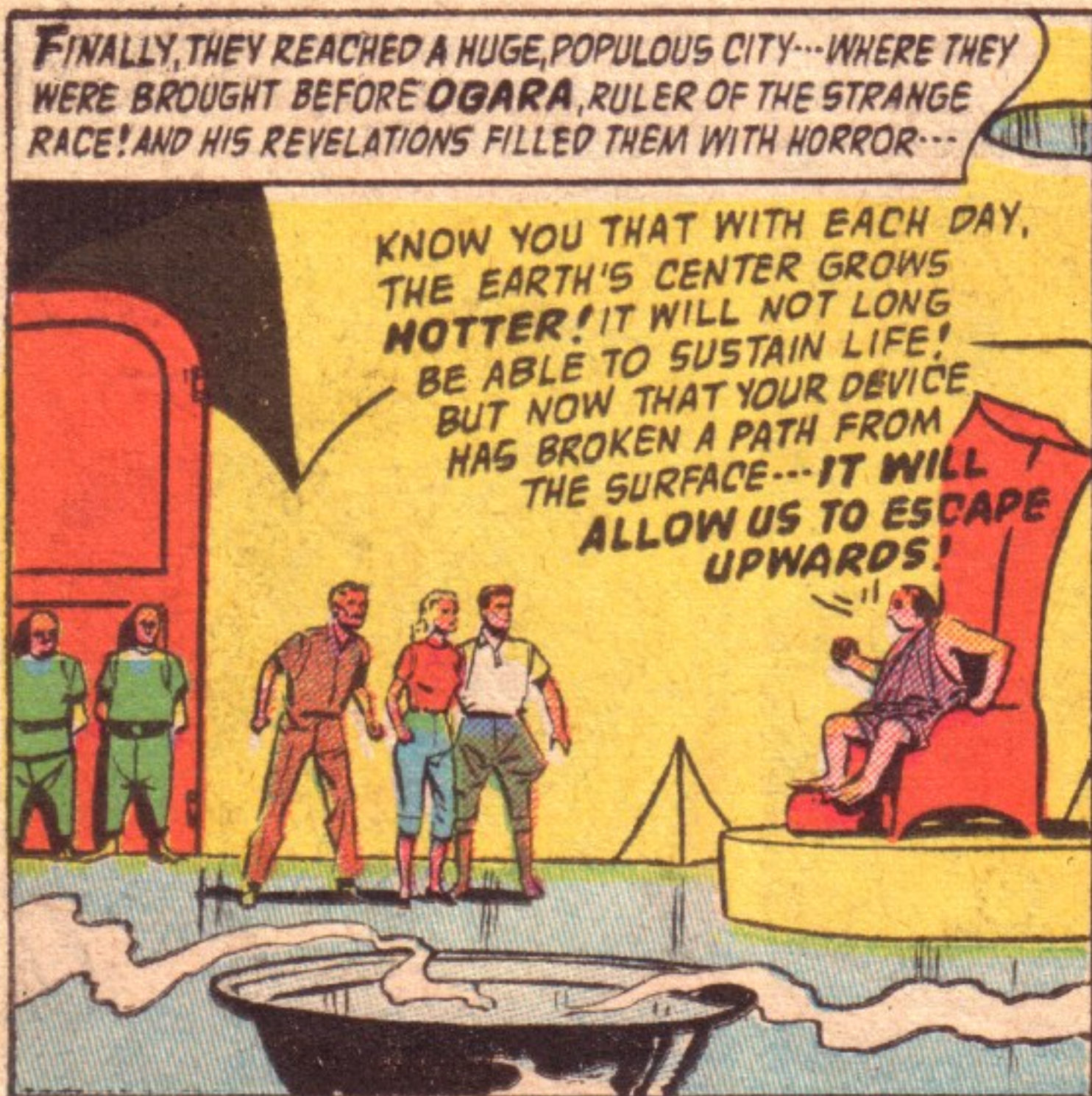


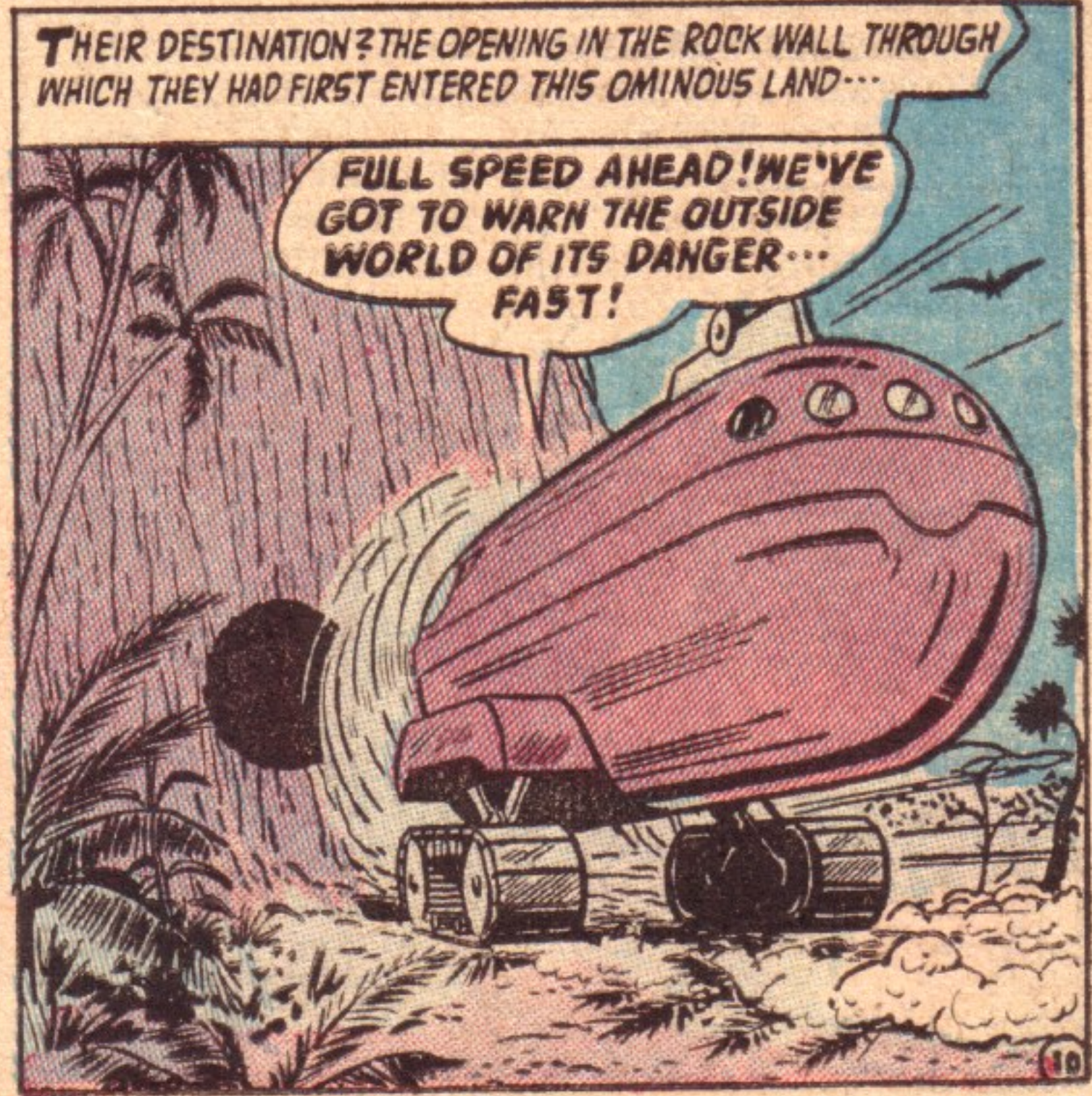
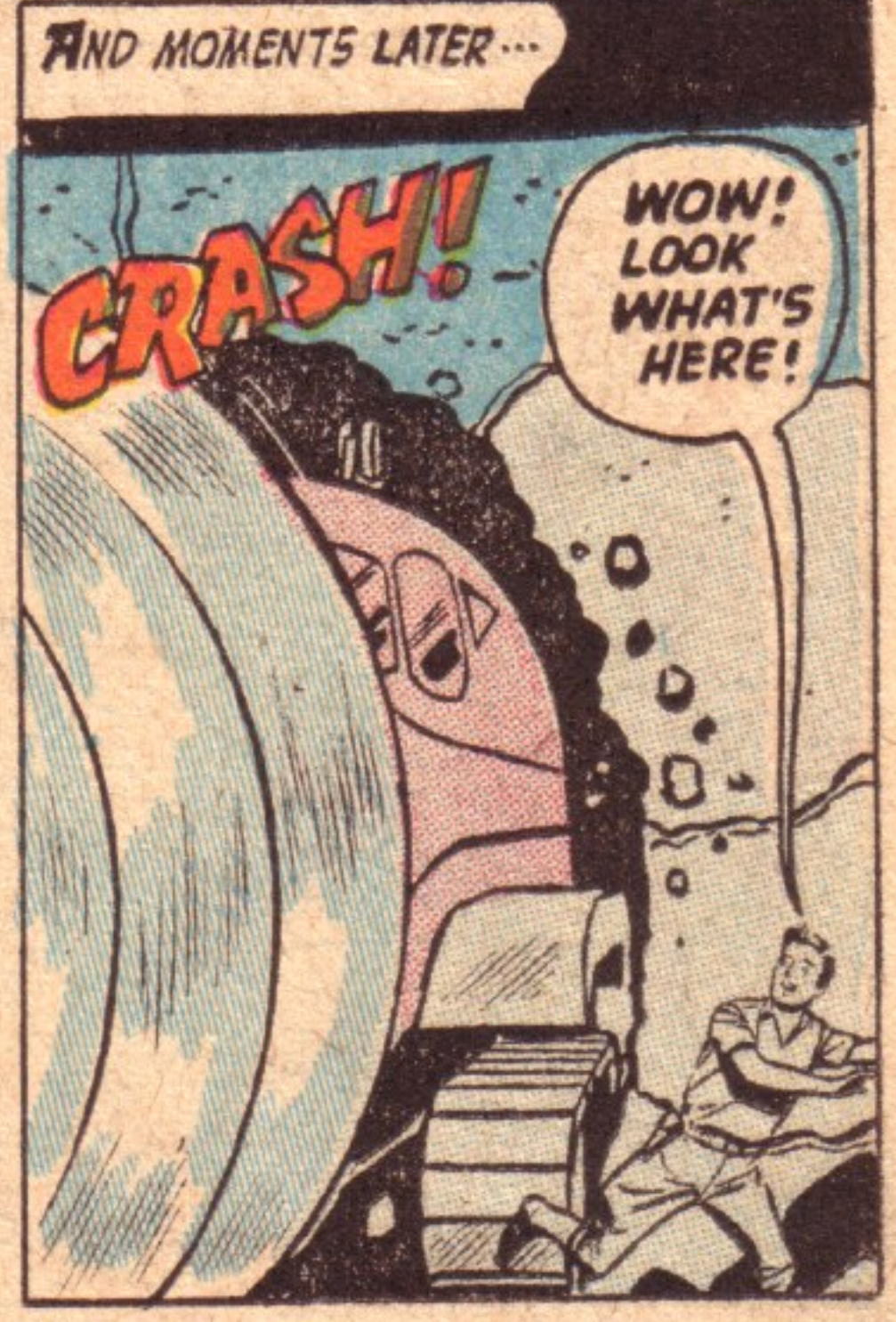
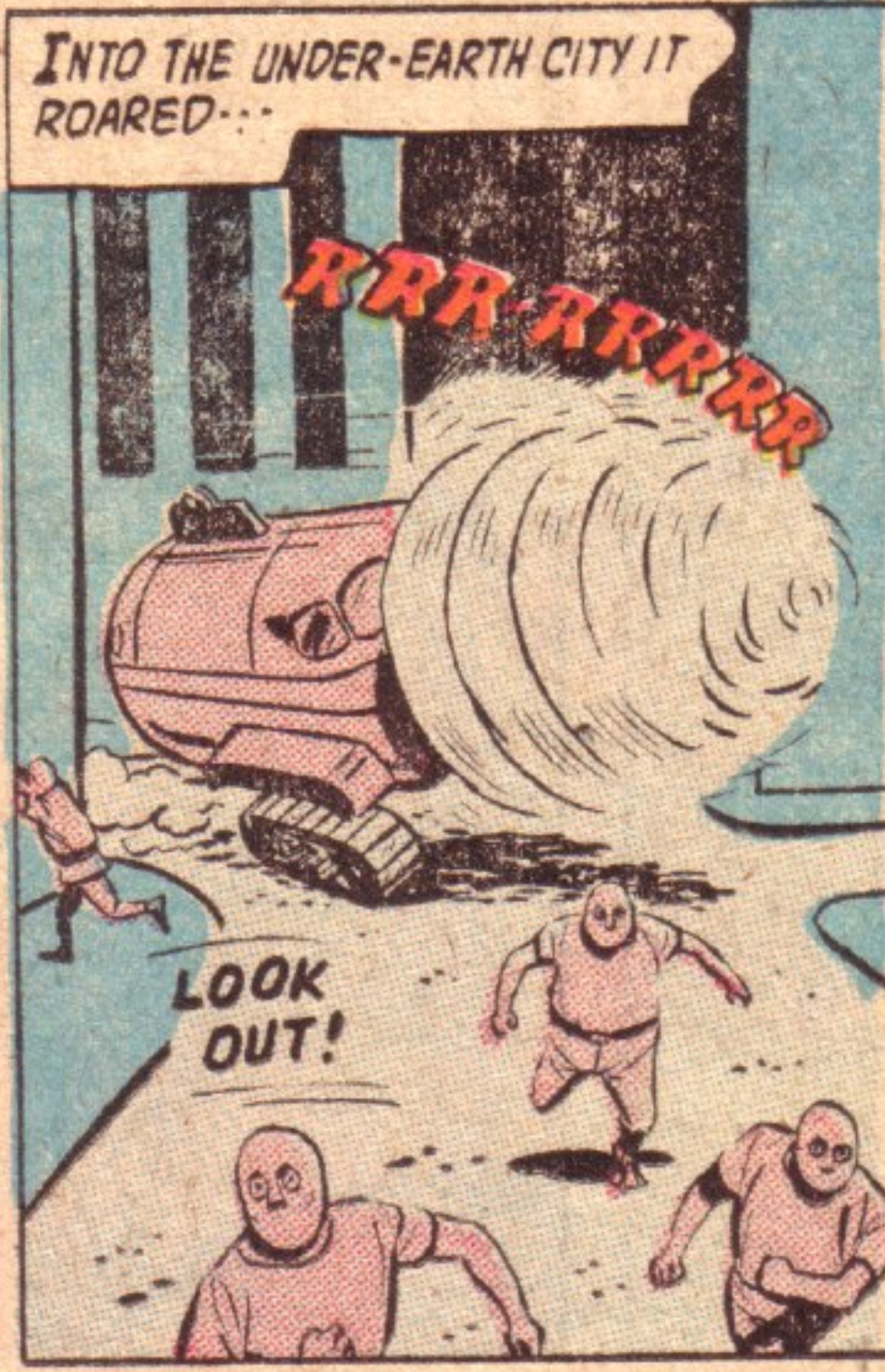
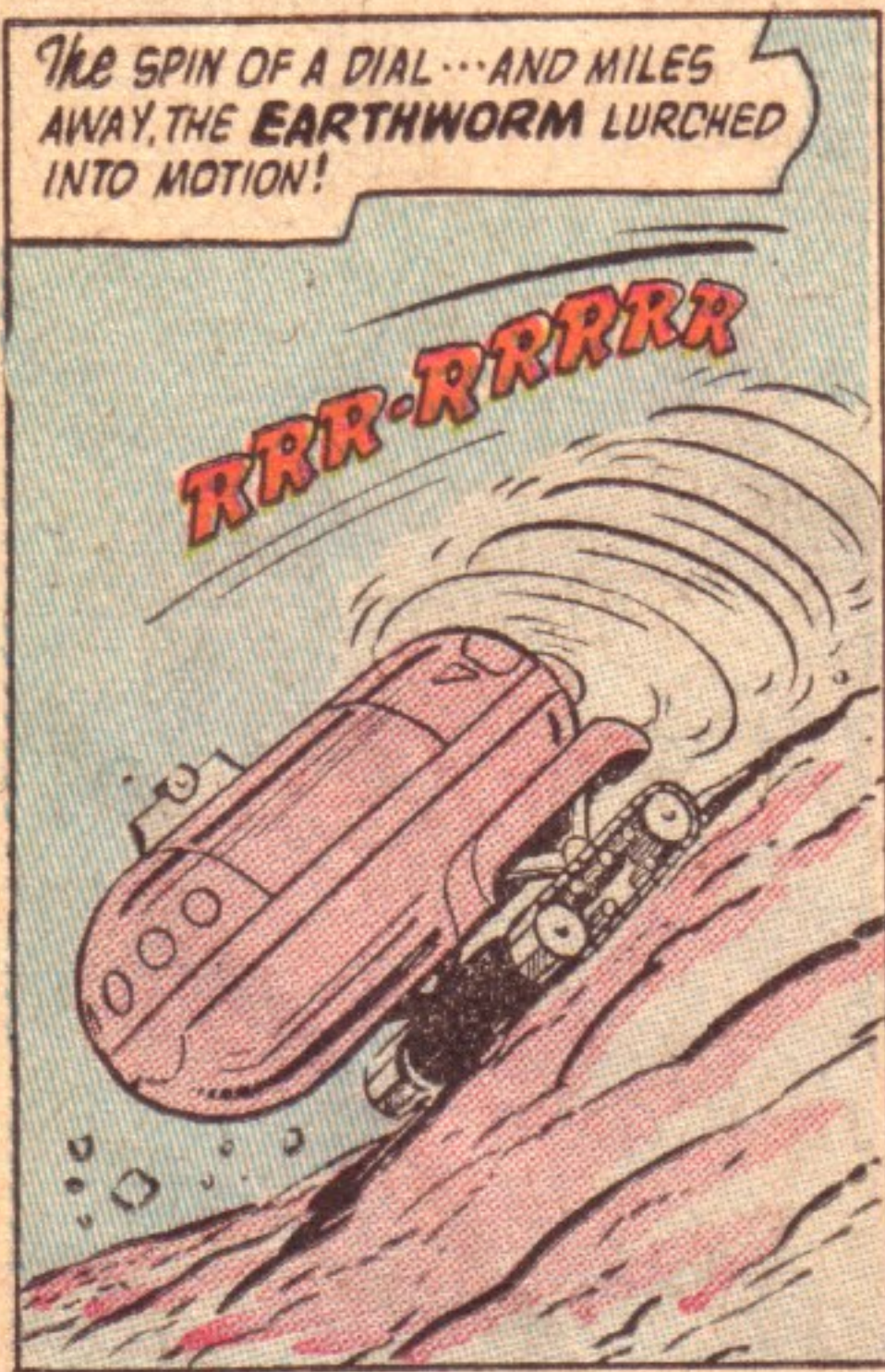
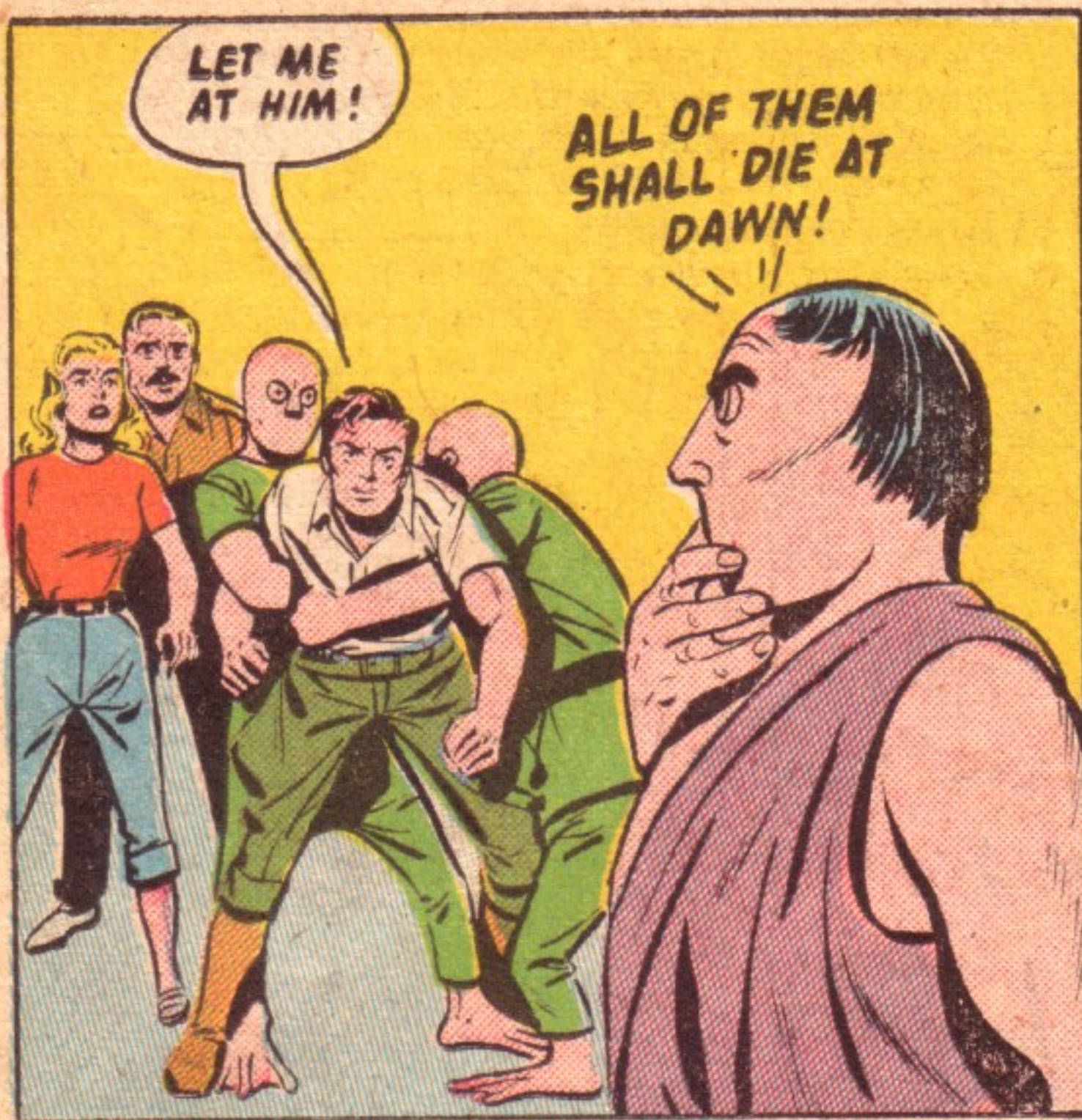
WHEN THE IMPRISONING NET HAD BEEN LOWERED TO THE GROUND...

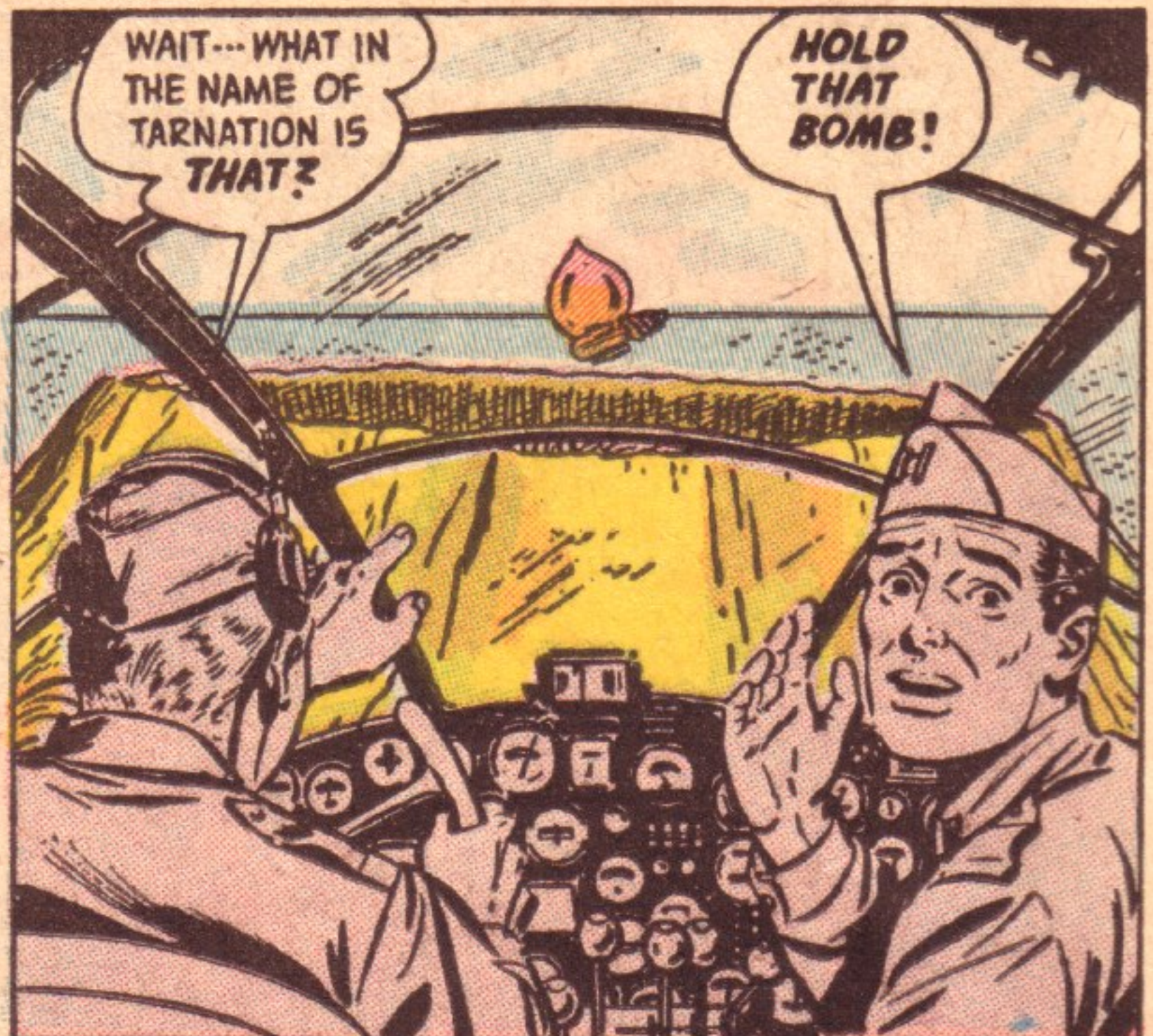
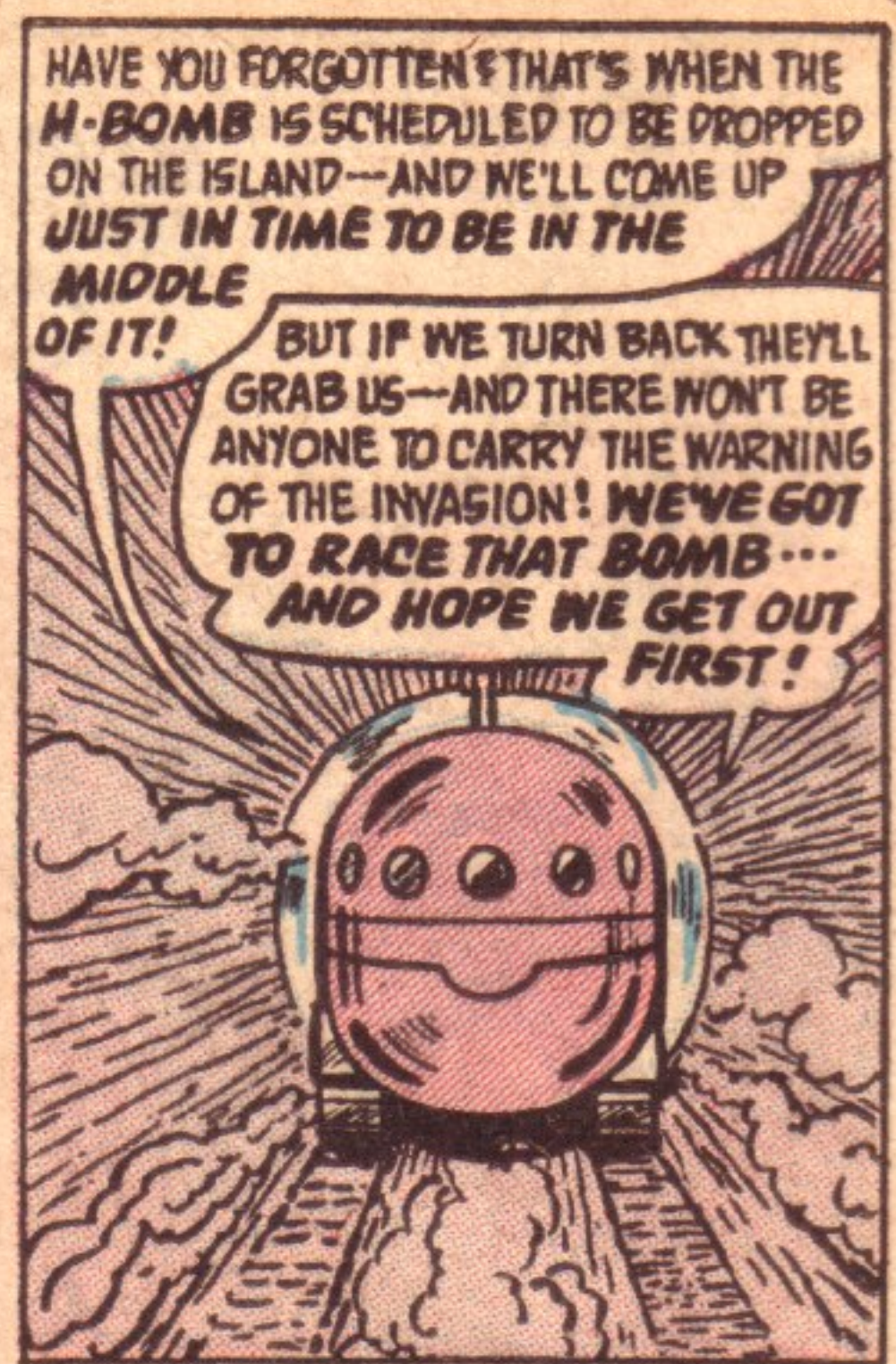
HOLY H. SMOKE! WHAT ARE THEY?

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE! I...I'LL TRY TO TALK TO THEM...



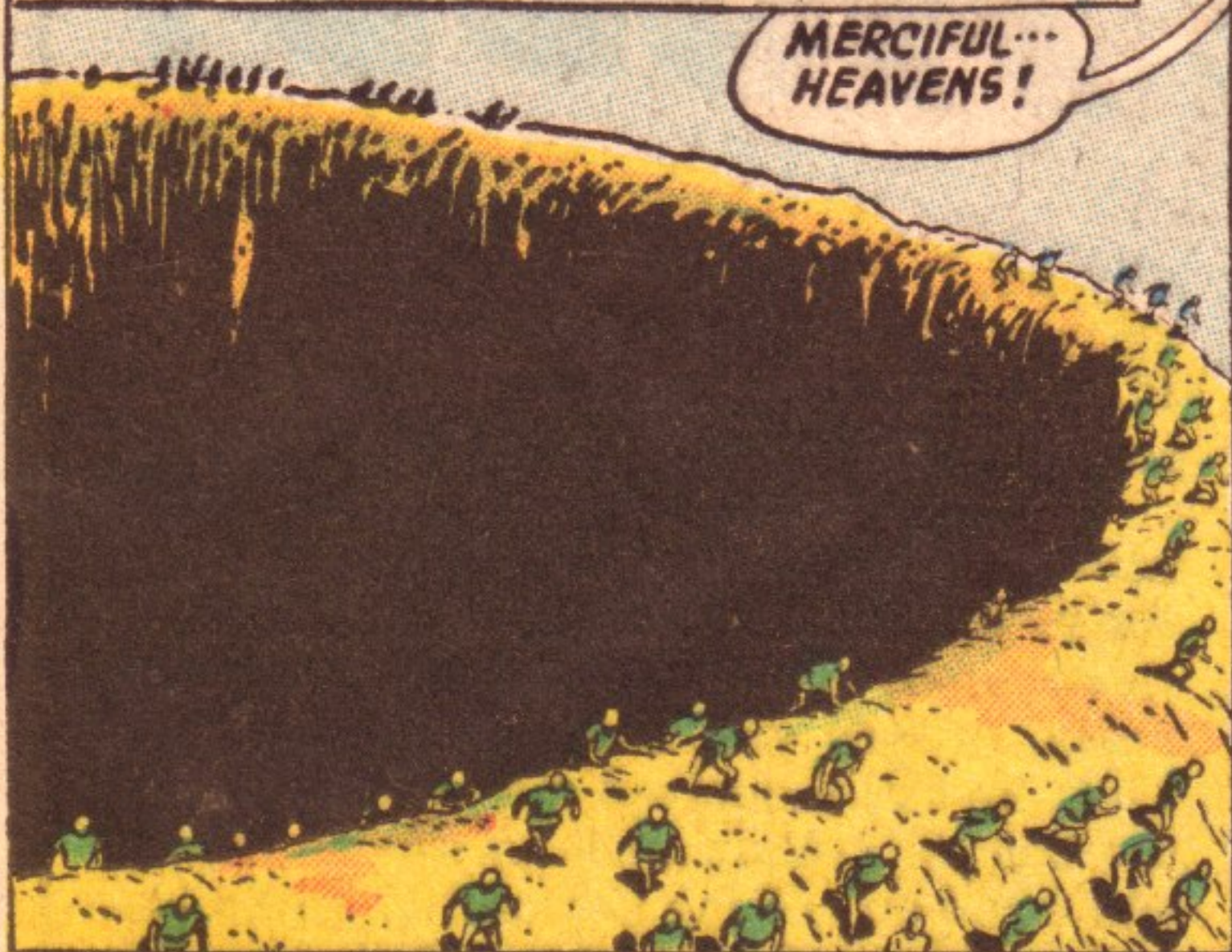






THERE WAS JUST ONE PLANE WARMED UP AND READY TO GO AT THE MOMENT...THAT CARRYING THE **H-BOMB**! PROFESSOR MYATT PREVAILED ON THE GENERAL TO ALLOW THEM TO ACCOMPANY HIM --AND FROM OVERHEAD, THEY WITNESSED A FRIGHTENING SIGHT--

MERCIFUL...
HEAVENS!



WELL...WAS I
RIGHT? NOW WHAT
ARE YOU GOING TO
DO ABOUT IT?

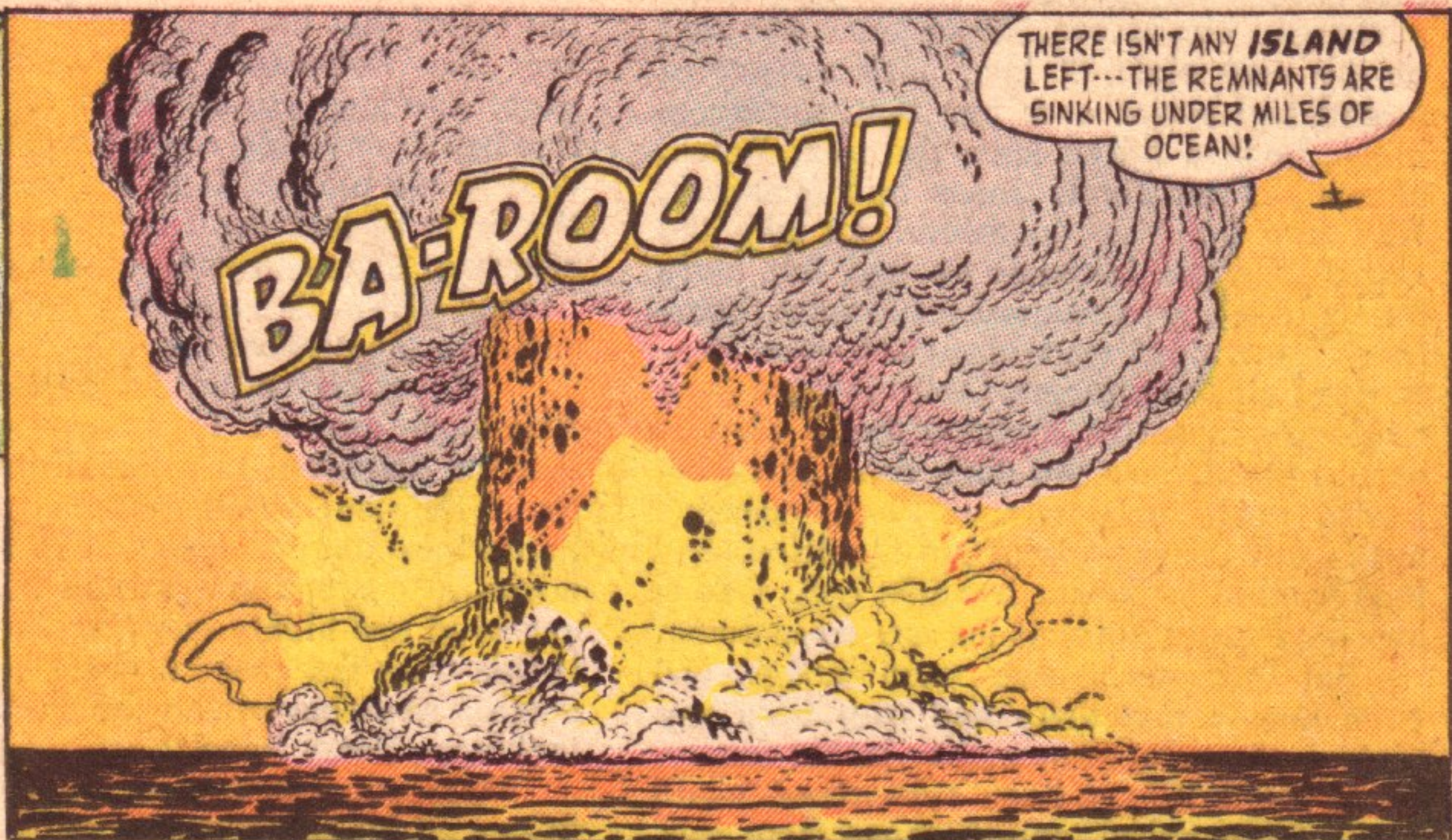
H-BOMB
AWAY!



STRAIGHT FOR
THE CRATER SPED
THE AWFUL BOMB!
AND IN ITS WAKE,
THE MIGHTIEST
ATOMIC EXPLOSION
EVER WITNESSED
BLASTED THE
CRATER, BLEW
THE ENTIRE
ISLAND SKY-HIGH!
IT LEFT NO LIFE
BEHIND IT--

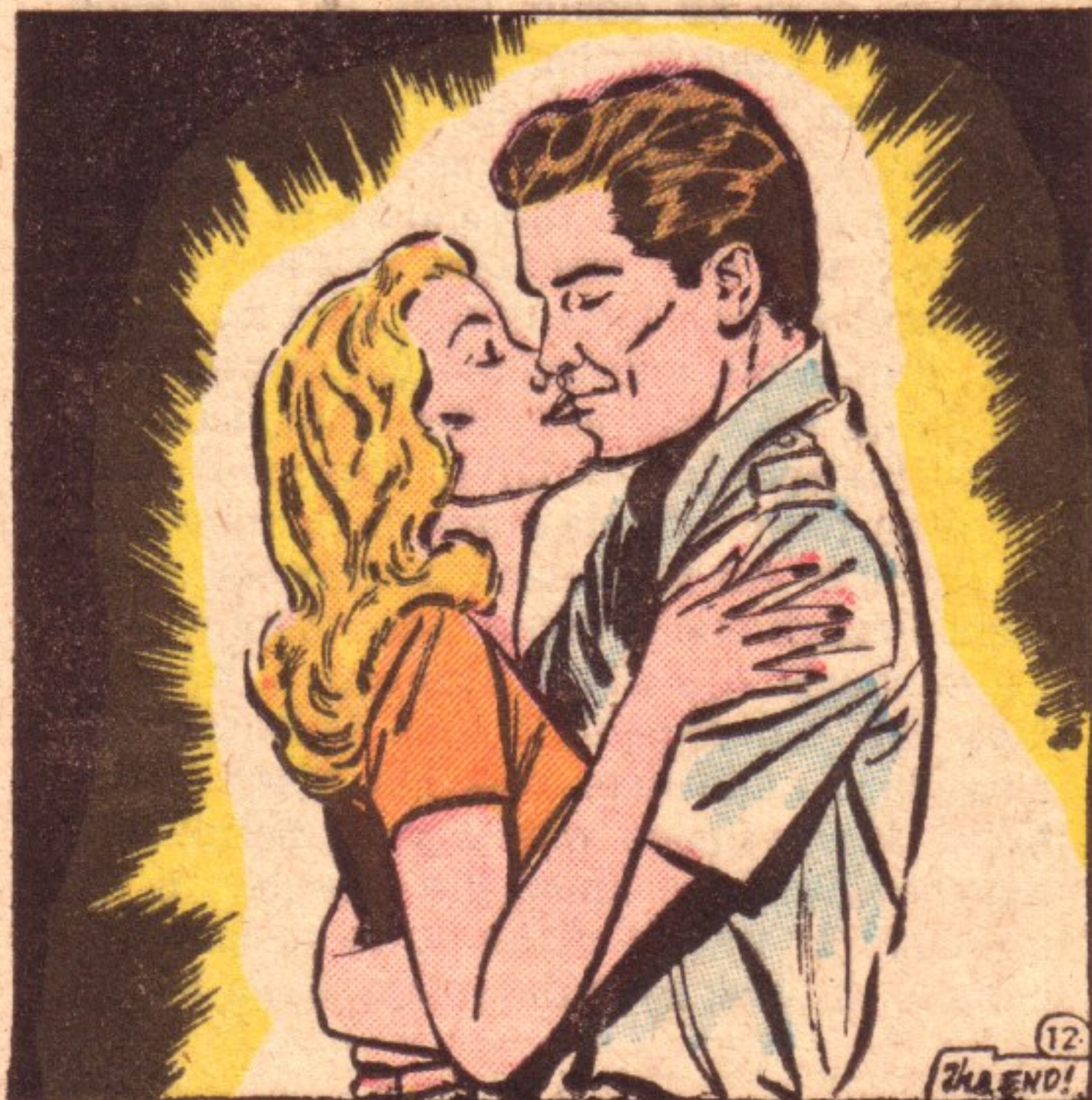
BA-ROOM!

THERE ISN'T ANY **ISLAND**
LEFT--THE REMNANTS ARE
SINKING UNDER MILES OF
OCEAN!



PROFESSOR MYATT--THE
WHOLE SKY'S RED! JUST
LOOK OUT THERE AND
YOU'LL SEE THE WORLD'S
SAFE!

I KNOW IT... BUT
RIGHT NOW, I'M LOOKING
AT THE SORT OF THING
THAT'LL GUARANTEE THE
WORLD'S **FUTURE!**



OVER *the* AGES!

JARVIS Jones, noted attorney, was at a loss over what sort of defense to present for his new client, Pierre Dufresne. Dufresne had just landed in the United States from France, his native land, had been walking up a New York street... and for no reason whatsoever, he had attacked and gravely injured Henry Hand, the well-known financier. "If you only had some reason for what you did, I might defend you adequately," said Jones. "Can't you think of anything?" But Dufresne only shrugged his shoulders. He didn't know Hand, had never seen him before. All he knew was that at the very sight of him, such a wave of hatred had swept over him that, unreasoningly, he had fallen upon the man. Which, of course, left Jarvis Jones in a quandary. Why had he ever consented to take the case? Perhaps because he had felt sorry for Dufresne, who seemed a pleasant, harmless type...which made his attack upon Henry Hand all the stranger. Could it have been temporary insanity? Perhaps that's what he should plead, because such compulsive behavior could only emanate from someone not in full possession of his faculties. And that spelled madness, because only that or hypnosis could account for any compulsion.

But Dufresne seemed sane enough, and even denied that there had ever been any history of mental abnormality in his family. "You couldn't have been *hypnotized*, could you?" Jones asked, only because there was nothing else he could think of. Dufresne shook his head emphatically. "Never!" he said. "No member of our family has ever had any contact with hypnosis...except for an early ancestor in the middle of the 18th century, who was assistant to *Charpentier*, the great French hypnotist!" And so Jones left, frustrated, and walked the streets pondering on what his next step should be. He found himself in the Civic Museum, where he often came for relaxation from some puzzling case. As he passed a case where ancient French manuscripts were displayed, a name caught his eye. *Charpentier*. Why, he was the old hypnotist that Dufresne had mentioned...and here was his diary on exhibit! Jarvis Jones was a great believer in hunches...and he knew the director of the museum. It wasn't difficult to secure permission to look over the diary. When he finally

put it down, his eyes were round with amazement. He was allowed to borrow it... if he hadn't been, he would have subpoenaed it. For here was his defense:

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury," said Jones as he presented his case, "I offer in evidence as *Exhibit A* this diary of *Charpentier*, the old French master of hypnosis. As you will see from the entries of 1781, he had conceived a terrible hatred for the Comte LeMain...but he was an old man and could do nothing personally! So he hypnotized his assistant, *Raoul Dufresne*, into the belief that he, too, hated LeMain...hoping that Dufresne's ungovernable temper might lure him into an attack on his enemy! But before anything could happen, both men died in the plague. It is my contention that the facts of this case demonstrate that the effects of hypnosis were actually inherited... passed down through time...and found an outlet in the present case!"

"Objection!" cried the district attorney. "Defense counsel is attempting to show that the defendant is a lineal descendant of Raoul Dufresne and therefore might have inherited the hatred implanted in him by hypnosis...a contention which is scientifically unproved and highly questionable! But even if this were the case, it could have no connection whatsoever with the unwarranted attack upon Henry Hand!"

"Objection sustained!" said the judge. "Counsel for defense must stick to facts!"

Jarvis Jones smiled sweetly. "Your Honor is right," he said. "I shall adhere strictly to facts! My first set of facts are contained in this diary, authenticated by the Civic Museum. My second factual matter is the defendant's direct descent from the Raoul Dufresne mentioned in the diary, which will be proven by these papers notarized by the French Consul General. The third matter refers to Henry Hand, whom the prosecutor feels has no connection with this case! Mr. Hand will himself admit that his name is a direct translation from the French *LeMain*...and that he is a direct descendant of the original Comte. Which explains why my client, who had never seen him before, was compelled to attack...compelled by *hypnosis through the ages*! We rest our case!"

Pierre Dufresne left the court a free man.

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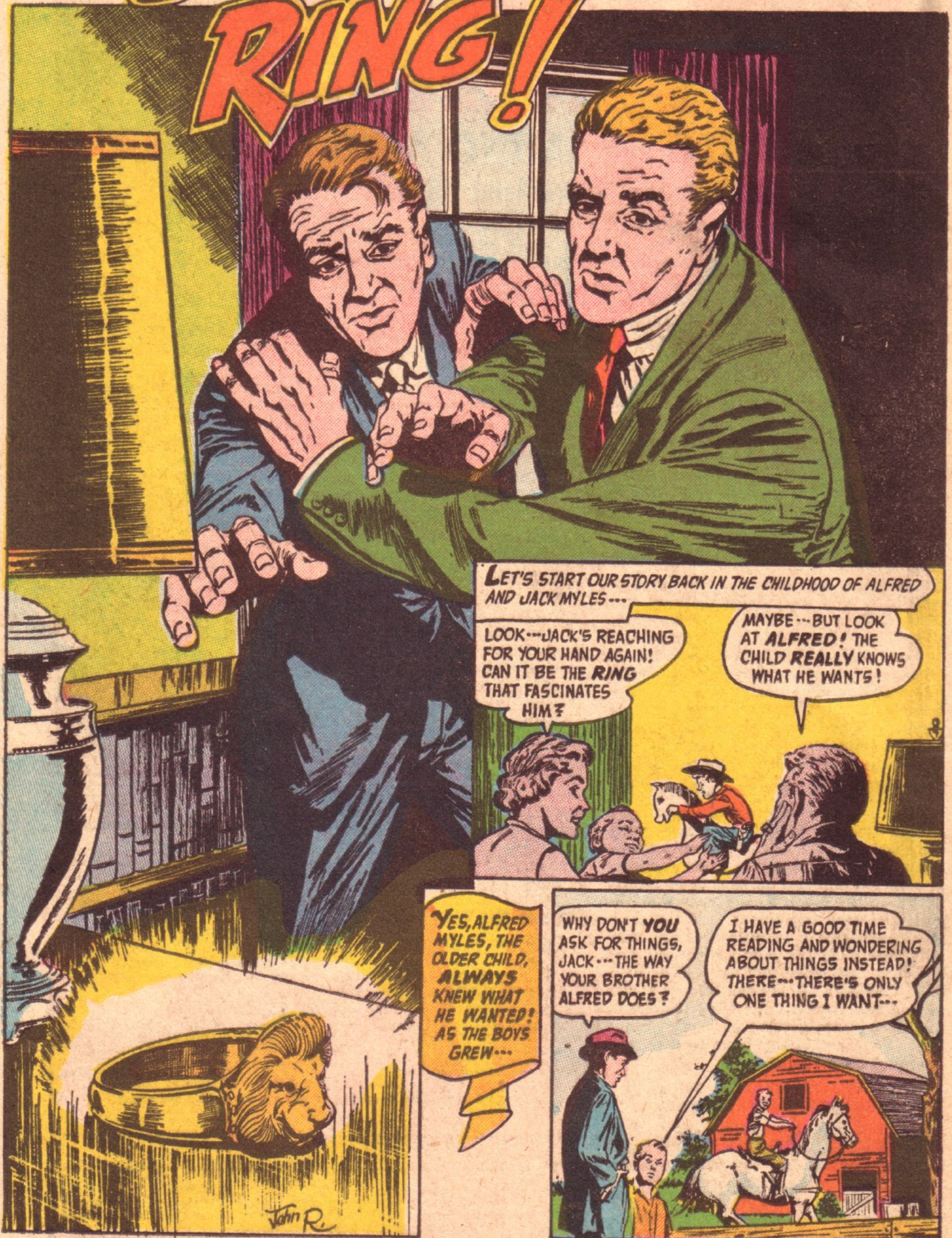
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The GOOD LUCK RING!



LET'S START OUR STORY BACK IN THE CHILDHOOD OF ALFRED AND JACK MYLES---

LOOK---JACK'S REACHING FOR YOUR HAND AGAIN! CAN IT BE THE RING THAT FASCINATES HIM?

MAYBE---BUT LOOK AT ALFRED! THE CHILD REALLY KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS!

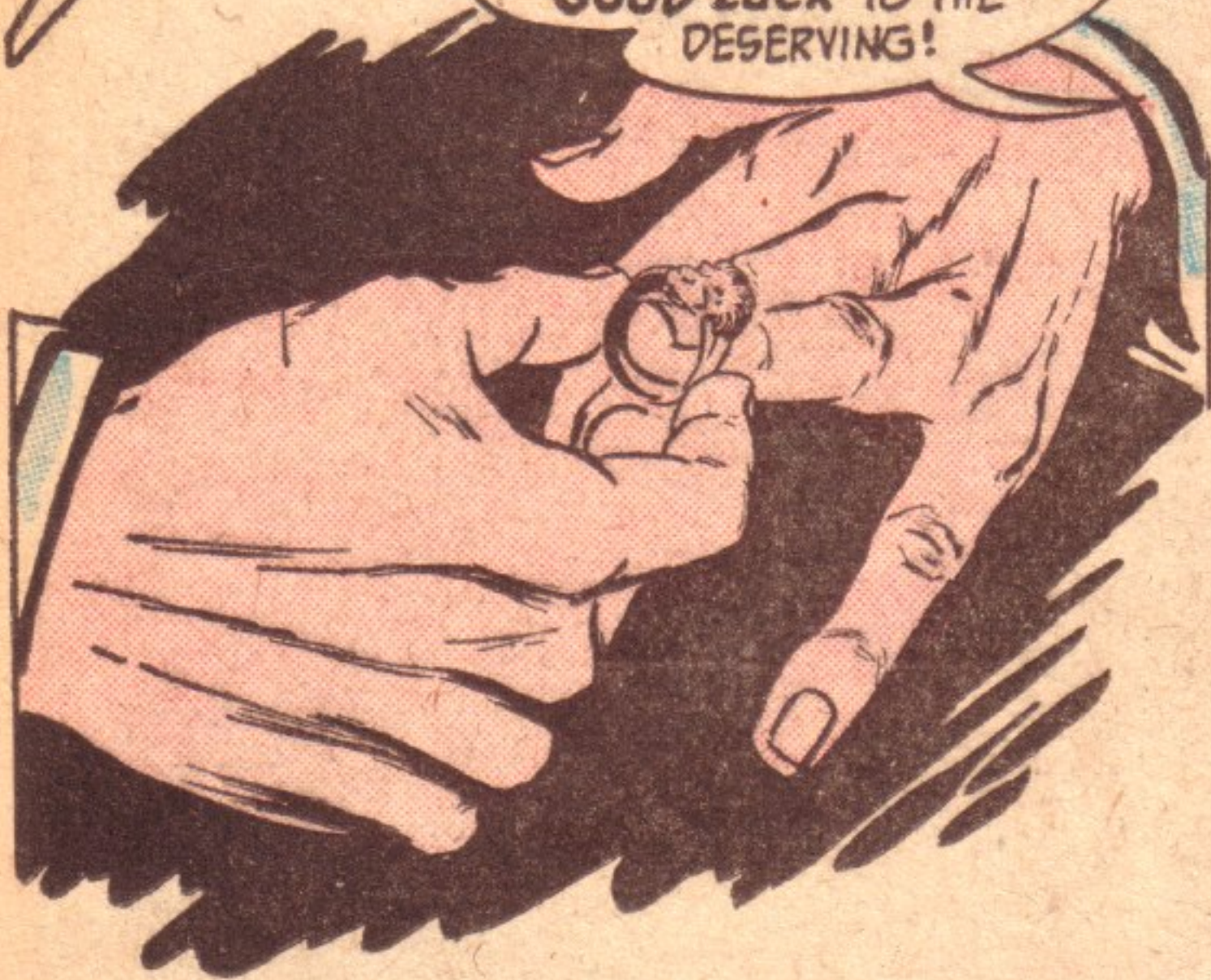
YES, ALFRED MYLES, THE OLDER CHILD, ALWAYS KNEW WHAT HE WANTED! AS THE BOYS GREW---

WHY DON'T YOU ASK FOR THINGS, JACK---THE WAY YOUR BROTHER ALFRED DOES?

I HAVE A GOOD TIME READING AND WONDERING ABOUT THINGS INSTEAD! THERE---THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WANT---

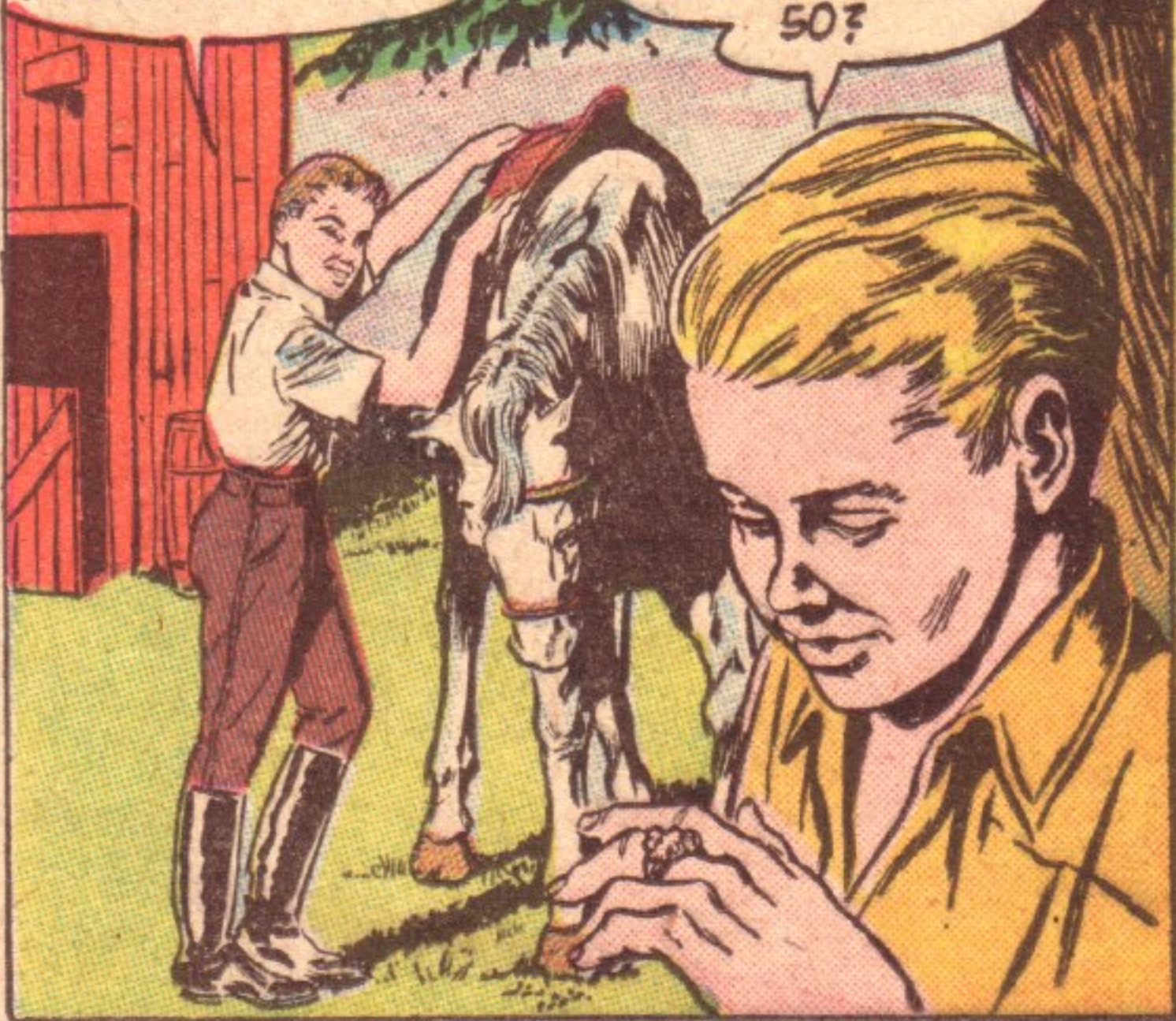
I---I'D LIKE TO WEAR YOUR RING FOR AWHILE!

IS THAT ALL? ALL RIGHT, BUT TREAT IT CAREFULLY! REMEMBER, IT'S BEEN IN THE FAMILY FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS---IT'S SAID TO BRING **GOOD LUCK** TO THE DESERVING!

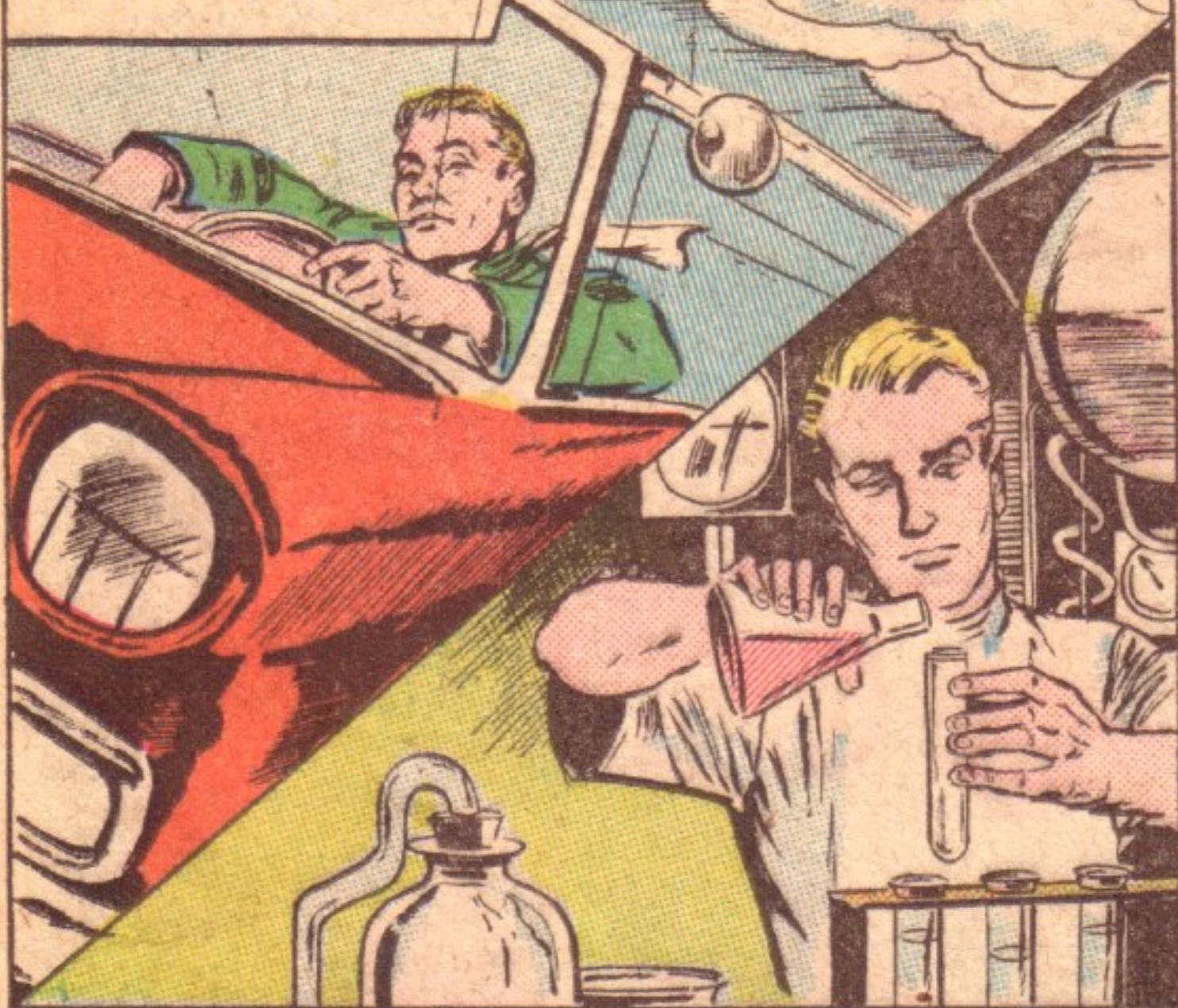


WHEN YOU COULD HAVE WONDERFUL THINGS LIKE **THIS**---WHAT'S THE USE OF A DOPEY OLD RING?

IT IS **NOT** A DOPEY OLD RING! IT BRINGS **GOOD LUCK**---DIDN'T YOU HEAR FATHER SAY **SO?**

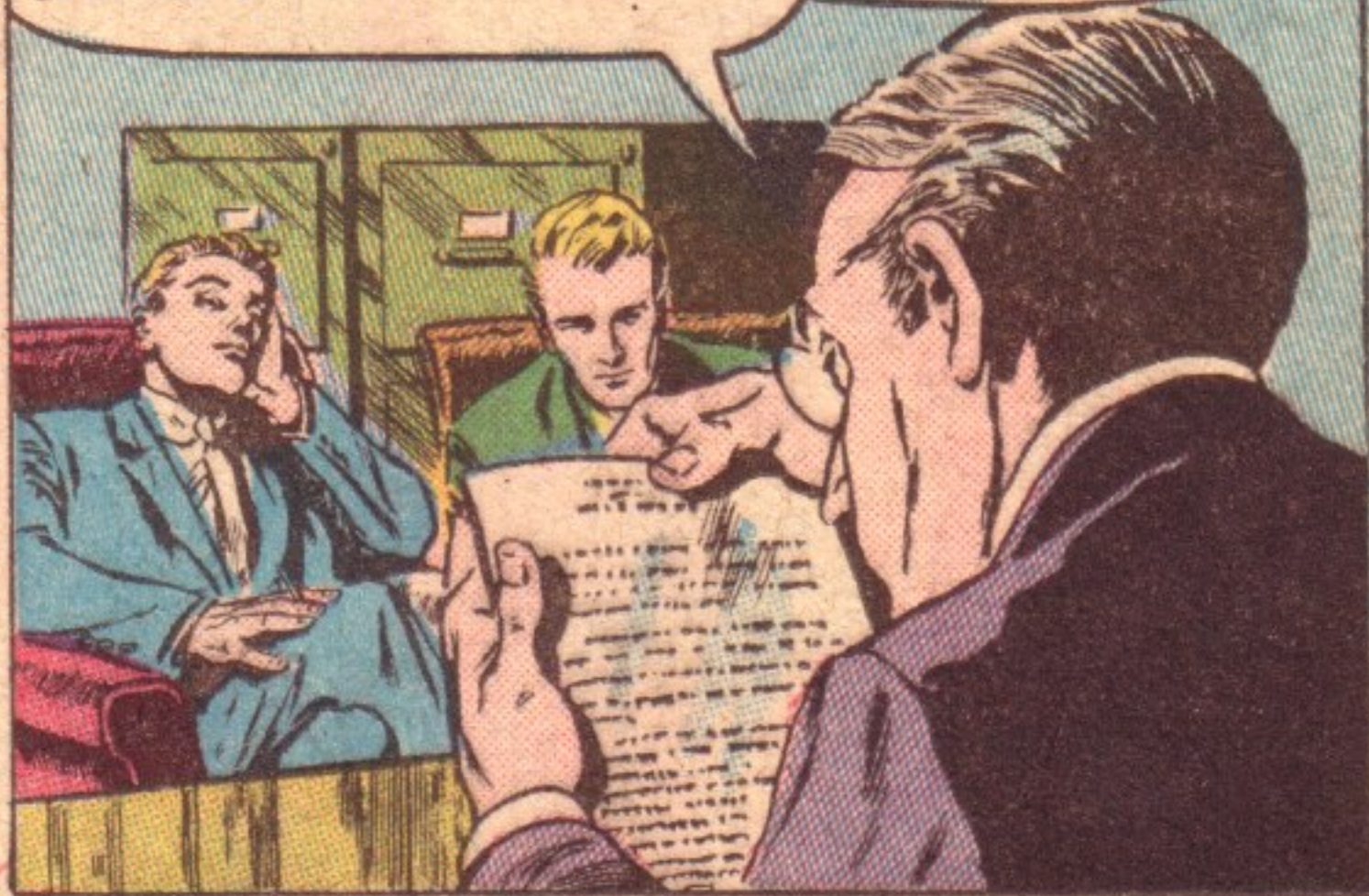


THE BROTHERS GREW UP, WENT TO COLLEGE TOGETHER! BUT EVEN HERE THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO WAS EVIDENT---



THE YEARS PASSED---THEIR FATHER DIED! HIS WILL SHOWED THE FAVORITISM HE'D ALWAYS FELT TOWARDS HIS OLDER SON--

---AND TO ALFRED, MY OLDER SON, I LEAVE THE SUM OF \$150,000! TO JACK, MY YOUNGER SON, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ABILITY TO MAKE HIS OWN WAY IN THE WORLD, I LEAVE THE TOKEN SUM OF \$5,000--AND THE OLD GOOD LUCK RING I ALWAYS WORE---



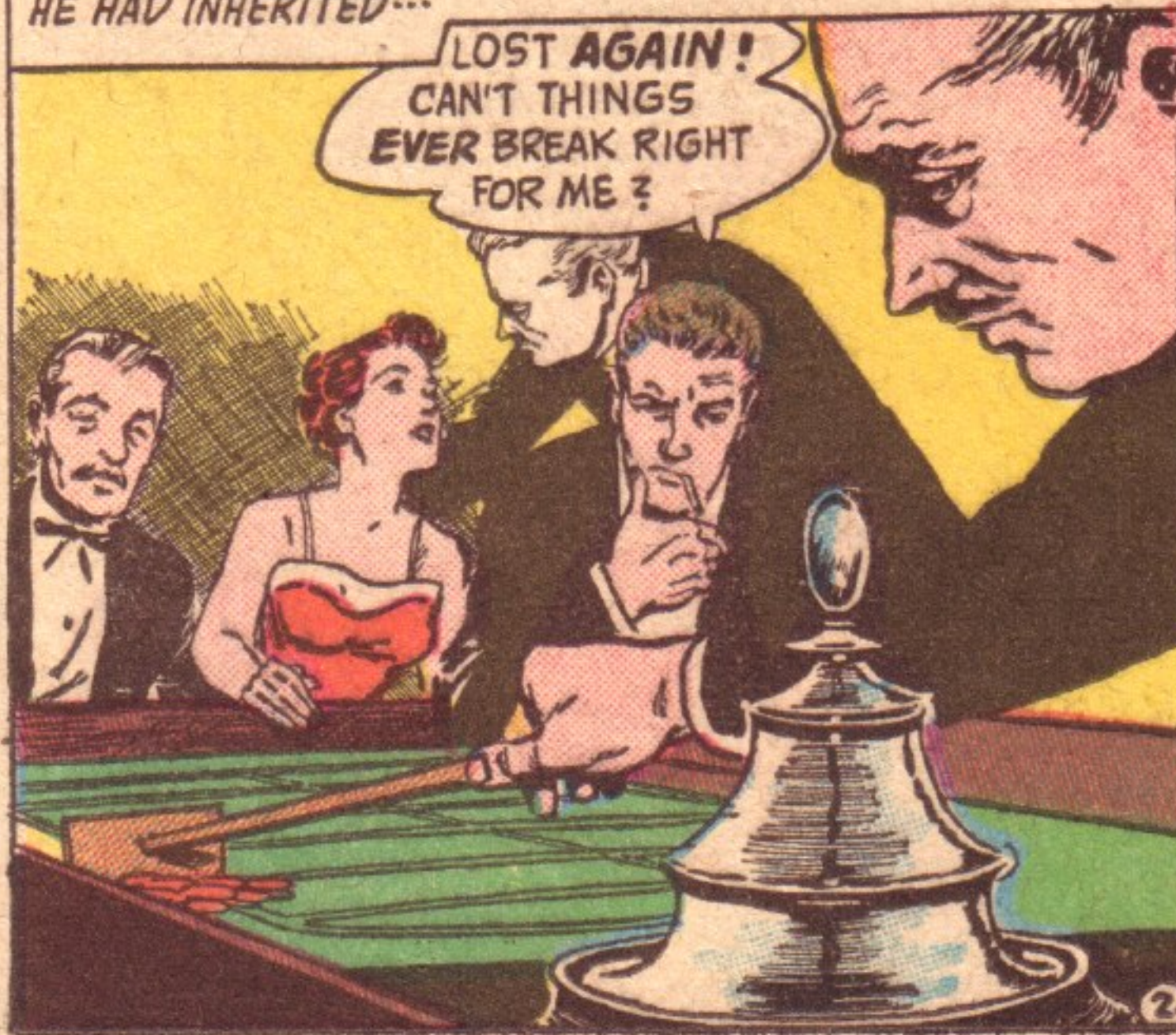
TOUGH LUCK, JACK! I MEAN, ME GETTING ALL THAT MONEY, WHILE YOU---

I'M NOT WORRIED---WEALTH NEVER **DID** MEAN MUCH TO ME WHILE I HAD MY **SCIENCE**! ANYWAY, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED THIS RING---I HAD THE CRAZY IDEA THAT IT **WOULD** BRING ME LUCK!

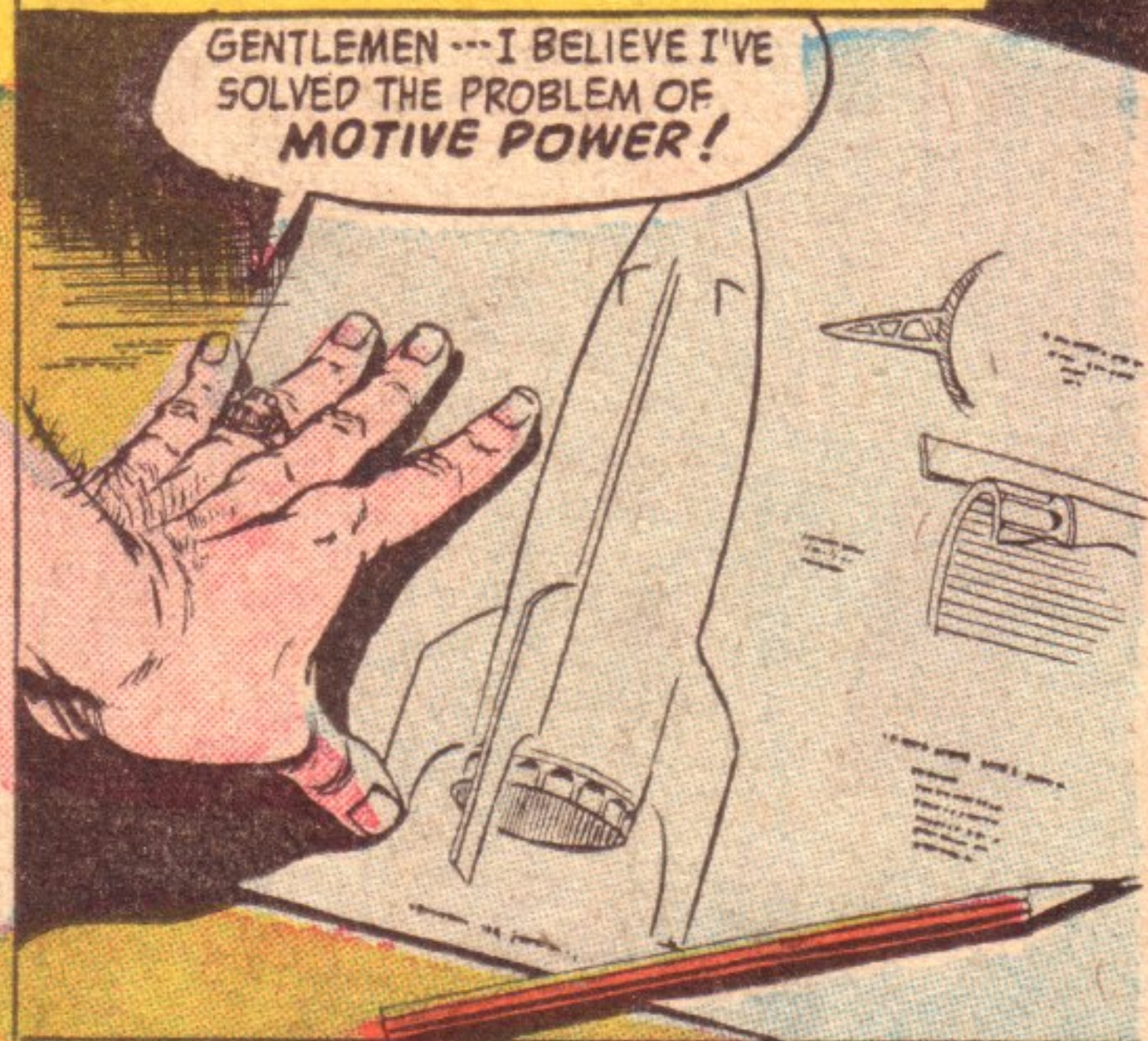


COULD JACK HAVE BEEN---RIGHT? FOR ALFRED, WITHOUT THE RING, PROCEEDED TO GO THROUGH THE FORTUNE WHICH HE HAD INHERITED---

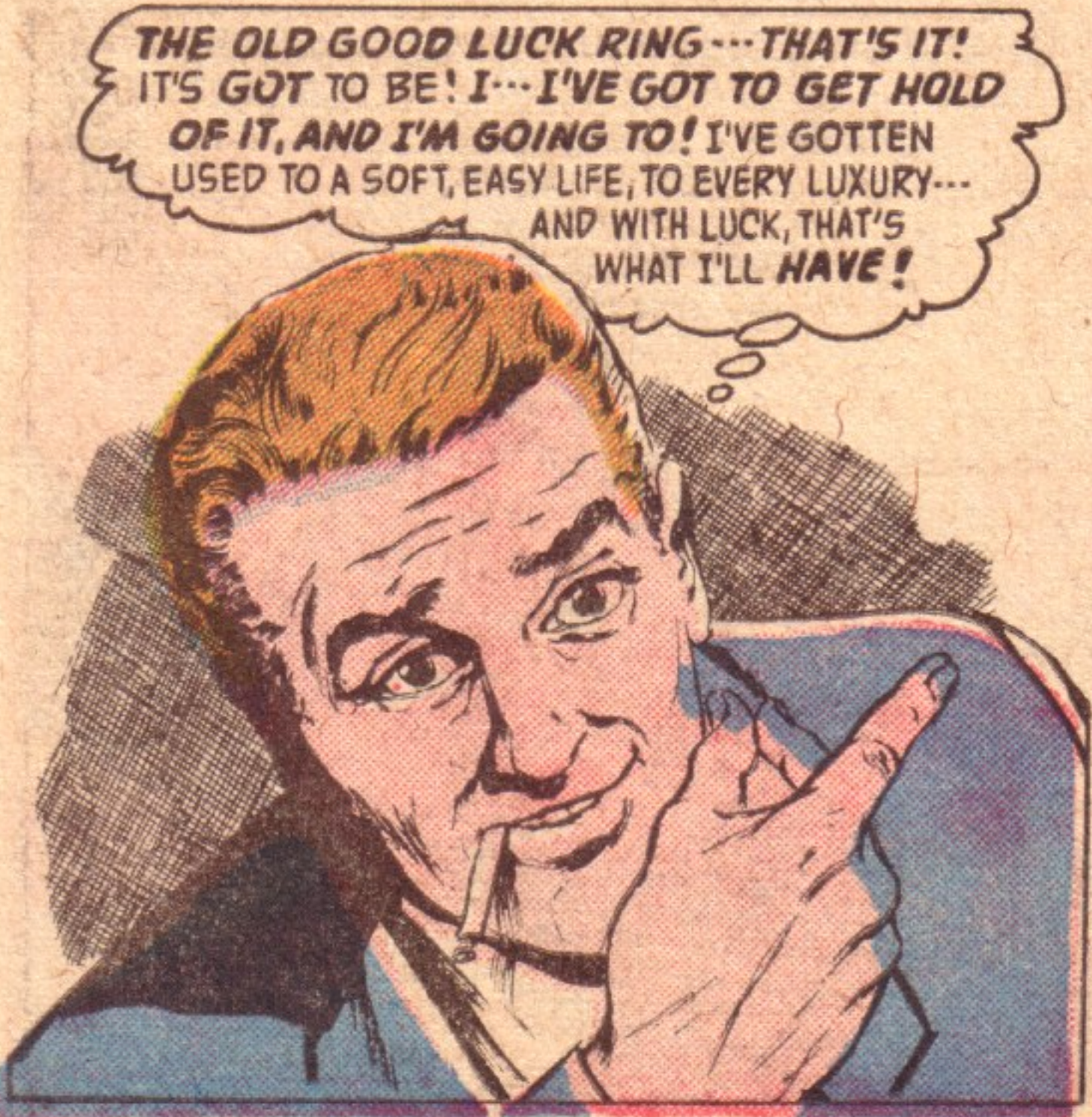
LOST AGAIN! CAN'T THINGS EVER BREAK RIGHT FOR ME?

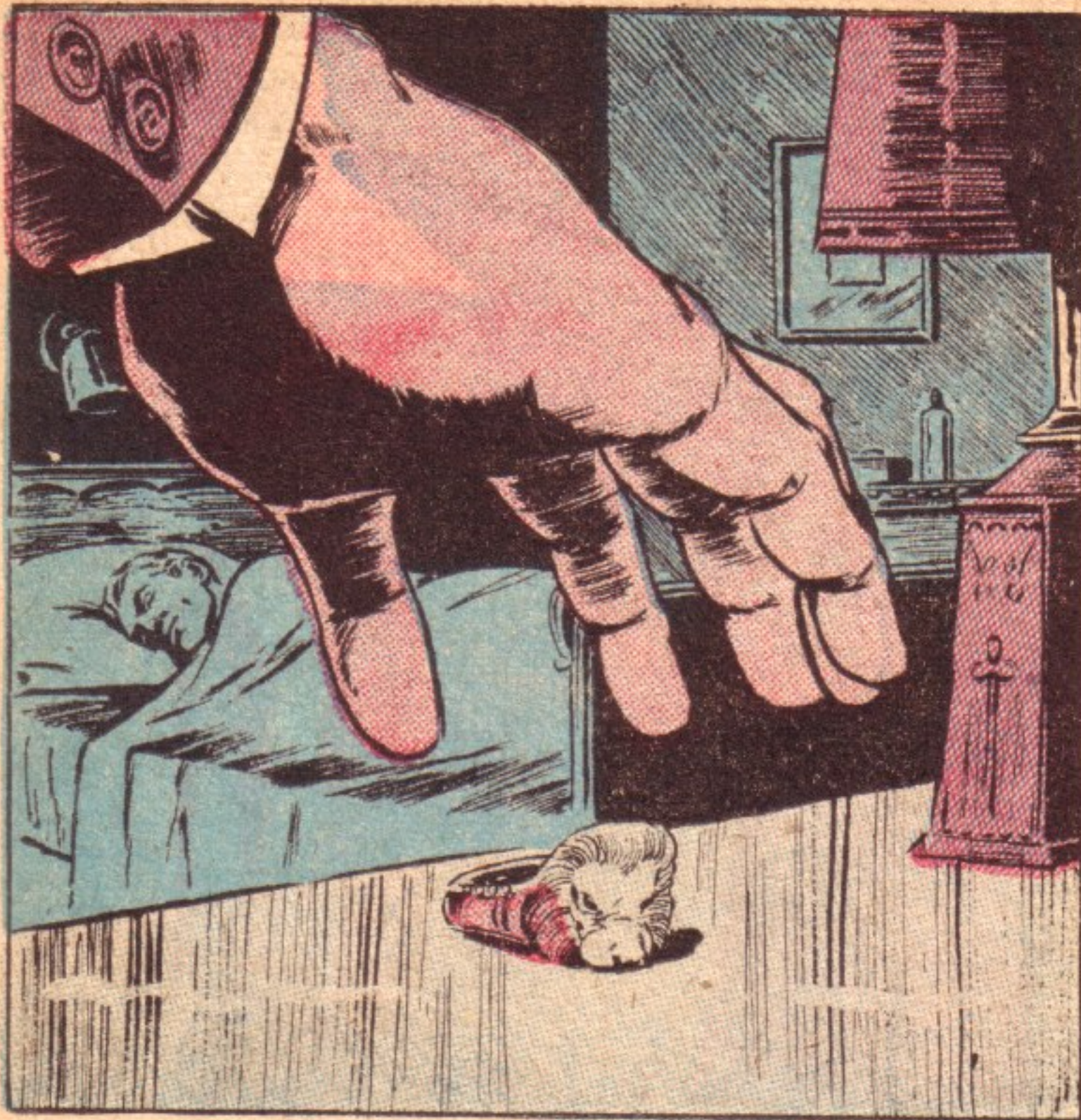


WHEREAS JACK, WHO WORE THE RING CONSTANTLY, DIDN'T KNOW WHAT LOSS OR FAILURE MEANT! HIS RESEARCH ON SPACE PROJECTILES WAS CONSTANTLY SUCCESSFUL---



IT WAS A GRIM COINCIDENCE THAT THE TWO NEWS STORIES SHOULD BREAK ON THE SAME DAY---





HIS WAS A STRANGE OBSESSION...THAT THE POSSESSION OF THE OLD RING ALONE WOULD CHANGE HIS LUCK, BRING GOOD FORTUNE HIS WAY! AND THE RING WAS HIS NOW...



THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM HERE ON IN...**NOTHING** CAN GO WRONG FOR ME! I'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE THE LIFE OF REILLY FOR THE REST OF MY DAYS!

THE FRONT DOOR, HE FELT, WOULD BE AN EASIER AND SAFER EXIT! BUT AS HE REACHED THE LABORATORY FLOOR...



WHO'S THERE?



STOP, WHOEVER YOU ARE!

HE'S CLOSE BEHIND! CONFOUND IT, WHERE'S THE DOOR?

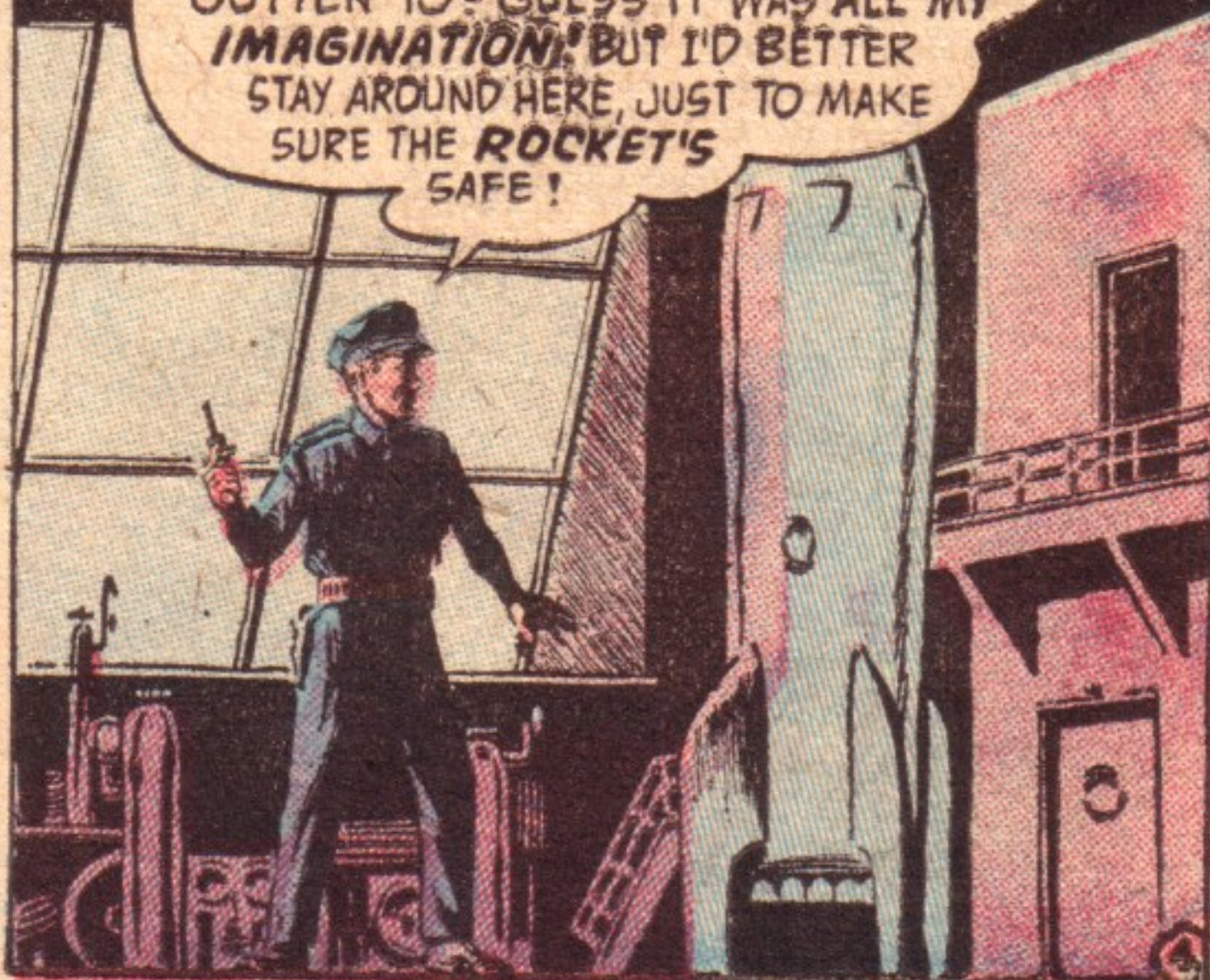


I'LL FIND YOU YET!

IT'S... **LOCKED!** AND STEEL SHUTTERS COVERING ALL THE DOWNSTAIRS WINDOWS! **NOW WHAT?**

SHORTLY AFTER...INSIDE THE **ROCKET PROJECT ROOM**...

I COULD HAVE **SWORN** THERE WAS A PROWLER...BUT WHERE COULD HE HAVE GOTTEN TO? GUESS IT WAS ALL MY **IMAGINATION!** BUT I'D BETTER STAY AROUND HERE, JUST TO MAKE SURE THE **ROCKET'S** SAFE!



WHEN JACK AWOKE...

THE OLD RING...IT'S GONE! GOSH, I HOPE I CAN LOCATE IT...IT'S MY GOOD LUCK TOKEN!

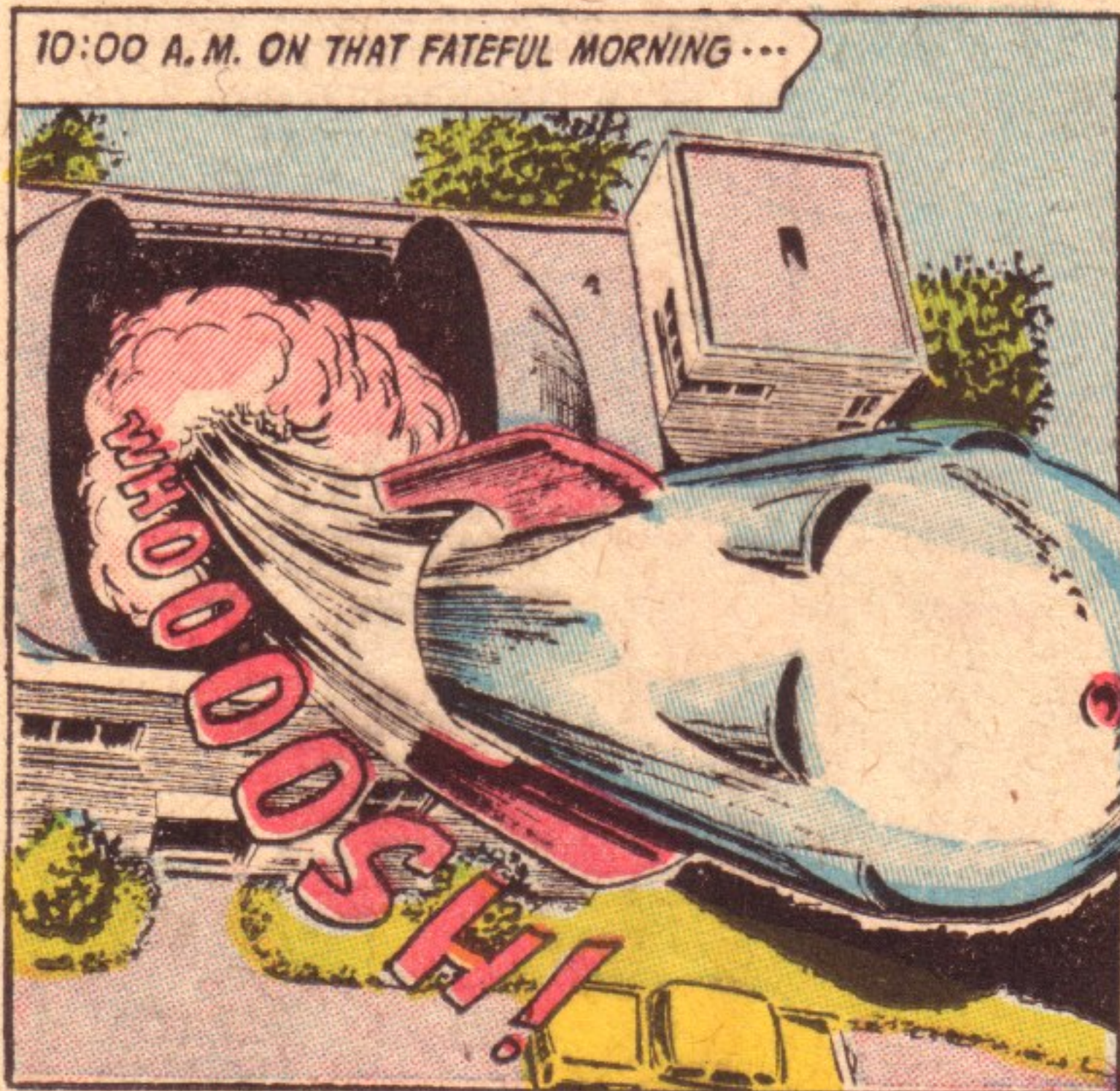


I'VE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE! I'D HAVE SAID THAT SOMEBODY GOT IN HERE LAST NIGHT AND STOLE IT, EXCEPT THAT IT'S THE ONLY THING MISSING!

I **THOUGHT** THERE WAS SOMEONE AROUND! MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT HIM, TOO, IF I HADN'T DECIDED THAT GUARDING THE ROCKET WAS MORE IMPORTANT! AFTER ALL...IT'S SCHEDULED TO TAKE OFF AT TEN!



10:00 A.M. ON THAT FATEFUL MORNING...



WOW... WAS THAT A **TAKEOFF!** HOW'S ABOUT A FEW FACTS FOR OUR STORIES, DR. MYLES? AFTER ALL, THERE'S NO MORE REASON FOR SECRECY **NOW!**

SURE! THAT WAS NO ORDINARY PROJECTILE...IT WAS THE **FIRST ROCKET TO THE MOON!** SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO TAKE THE TRIP...UNTIL THEY FOUND OUT SHE'S GOT JUST ENOUGH POWER TO GET THERE...**AND NEVER RETURN!** A MAN WOULD HAVE A TOUGH TIME UP THERE...SLAVING ON AN EMPTY SATELLITE JUST TO STAY ALIVE!



THEN...AS DR. JACK MYLES SWITCHED ON AN ELECTRONIC TELEVISION SCREEN...

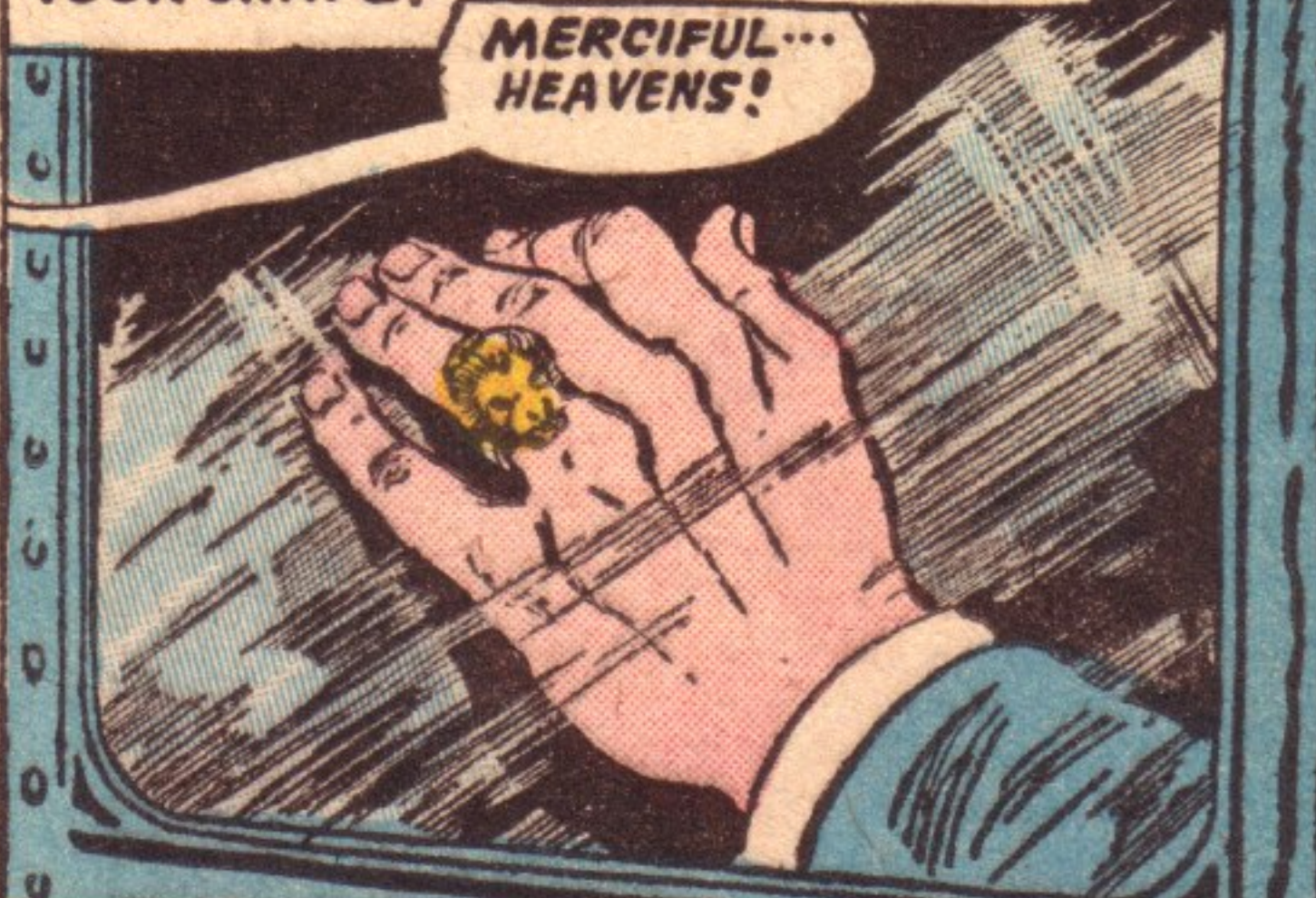
CAN'T YOU IMAGINE THE POOR DEVIL, WAITING AND HOPING FOR THE DISTANT DAY WHEN A TWO-WAY ROCKET **MIGHT** BE BUILT, **MIGHT** RESCUE HIM? WAIT...I'LL TUNE IN ON THE ROCKET'S TELEVISION IMPULSES, IN CASE YOU'D LIKE TO GET A GLIMPSE OF THE INTERIOR! BUT BROTHER...I'D HATE TO HAVE THE BAD LUCK TO BE **THERE!**

I CAN'T MAKE OUT JUST WHAT IS ON THE FRINGE OF THE SCREEN! CAN YOU BRING IT INTO CLEARER FOCUS?



HE MOVED THE CONTROLS...AND...AN IMAGE TOOK SHAPE!

MERCIFUL... HEAVENS!



YES, ALFRED HAD FORGOTTEN THE WORDS HIS FATHER HAD SPOKEN SO MANY YEARS BEFORE! WHAT WERE THEY? OH, YES... "THE RING IS SAID TO BRING **GOOD LUCK** ...TO THE **DESERVING!**"

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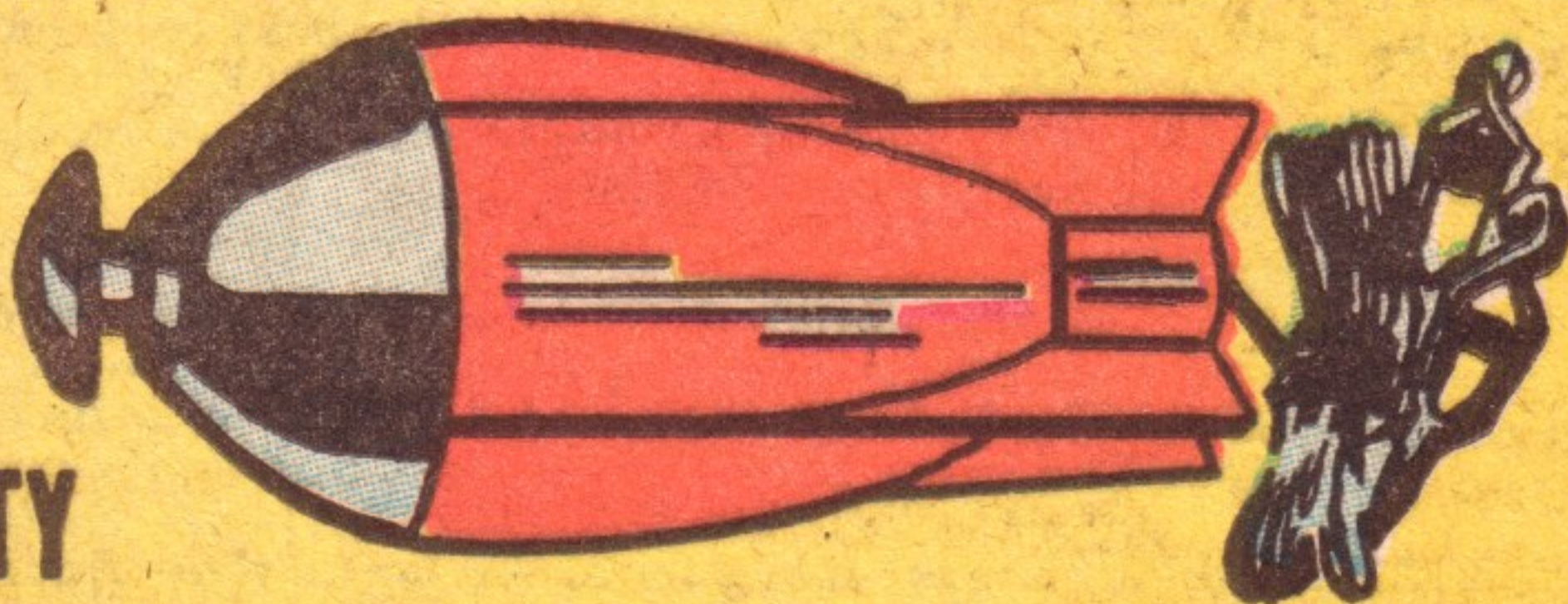
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From **YOUR EDITOR-** to **YOU!**

H!! Remember us? We're the Editors of "Forbidden Worlds"... just popping in to express the hope that you like this special All-Star Issue! Whether you're for it or against it, we'd like to know your sentiments. If there's anything on your chest, this is your

sounding-board! We want to hear from you, so send your letter to "Forbidden Worlds", 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N.Y. We'll print it if space allows... just as we're printing the following cross-section of reader opinion! So here goes!

"Dear Editor:-

Just a line to let you know that you've got a new reader. I stopped buying comics many years ago, when they got too violent, and I hadn't realized that a new day has dawned. I read your May-June issue at the insistence of a friend, and did I get a revelation! 'Forbidden Worlds' is simply great! The stories you run show good taste and some of the best and most exciting imagination I've ever encountered. Specifically, 'Home Is Where You Find It'...that one had everything! Congratulations!

...Harvey Brennan, Columbia, S.C."

We sure appreciate the nice things you've said, Harvey. But cast your eyes down towards the next letter...looks like someone doesn't agree with you!

"Dear Editor:-

You people make a big business out of the kind of stories you run in 'Forbidden Worlds' and you tell us how much care you put into them. Okay...then how about 'Home Is Where You Find It', in the issue I just read? Brother, that one was for the birds! I never read such nonsense in my life. Why don't you stick to facts and truth? You'd find a lot more people would like your mag more!

...Al Ficarelli, Brooklyn, N.Y."

You're entitled to your opinion, Al, and we thank you for it. But oh, do we disagree with you! Facts are fine and truth is wonderful, but when it comes to putting out an exciting magazine, we'll take the amazing, fascinating inventions that a fine writer can contribute. And the man who wrote the above story is the best in the business, we think!

"Dear Editor:-

I haven't ever yet missed an issue of 'Forbidden Worlds'. I intend to keep on my record. You people have the best book on the stands!

...B. R. Albritton, Camden, N.J."

Thanks! We'll try to keep up our record, too...a record of high quality made possible by the best in art and story!

"Dear Editor:-

In your March-April issue, 'Mr. Miggs From Mercury' was super, the best I've ever read. 'The Man From Ancient Greece' was a nothing, however... I wasn't excited. 'A Question of \$64,000' was fine, and your short stuff was good, too. The issue batted about .750, and that's good in any league!

...James R. Berger, Merced, Calif."

We liked 'Mr. Miggs' too, James. As far as that 'Ancient Greece' story goes, you may be right...but we can't share your opinion, or we'd have never run it in the first place. It's a matter of taste, and we're glad to know yours!

"Dear Editor:-

I was fascinated by the story, 'The Old Roman Coin' in your May-June issue. It was thrilling and romantic. Tell me, though...why is it that it's so hard to get 'Forbidden Worlds' on the newsstands?

...Helen Bles, Amarillo, Texas."

We'd like to think that it's because our magazine is so popular that people are racing each other to buy it!

"Dear Editor:-

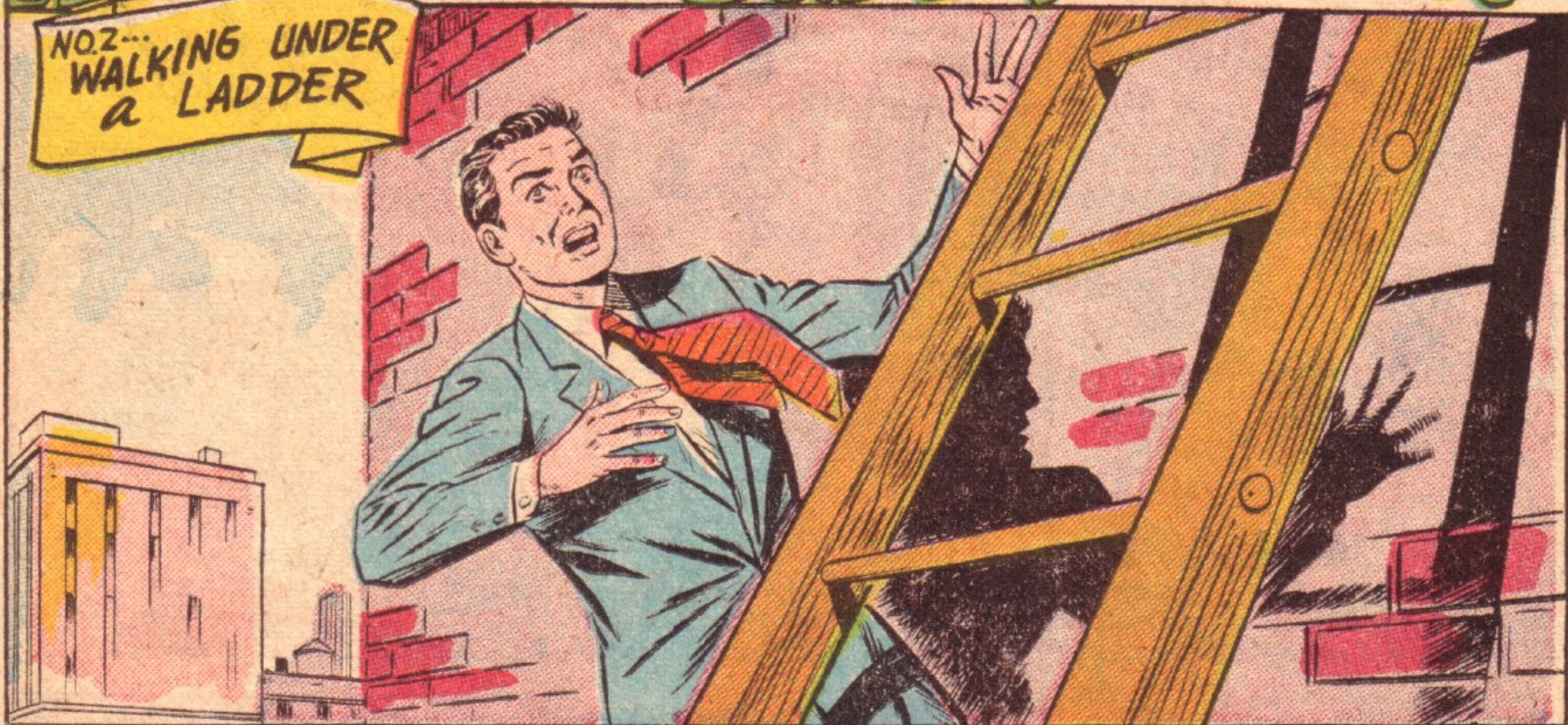
Maybe I never grew up enough to get tired of looking at pictures, but the first thing that struck me about 'Forbidden Worlds' was its illustration. Man, you've got artists! Congratulations to whoever drew 'Mr. Miggs From Mercury'... It was great! Also the artist who did 'Home Is Where You Find It'...Ogden Whitney, I think it was!

...R. W. Staples, Milwaukee, Wis."

Art is plenty important, and we'll continue to assure the best of illustration for our readers. Just remember, though...it takes good plot and exciting events to make vivid drawing possible!

WHAT'S *behind that* SUPERSTITION?

NO. 2...
WALKING UNDER
A LADDER



DR. ORIN BLAKELY, CURATOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIC RESEARCH...

WE'VE DONE QUITE A BIT OF RESEARCH INTO **COMMON SUPERSTITIONS!** AND HAVING JUST RECEIVED AN INQUIRY RELATING TO THE ORIGIN OF THE BELIEF THAT IT'S BAD LUCK TO WALK UNDER A LADDER, WE THOUGHT THAT ALL YOU READERS MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN OUR FINDINGS!



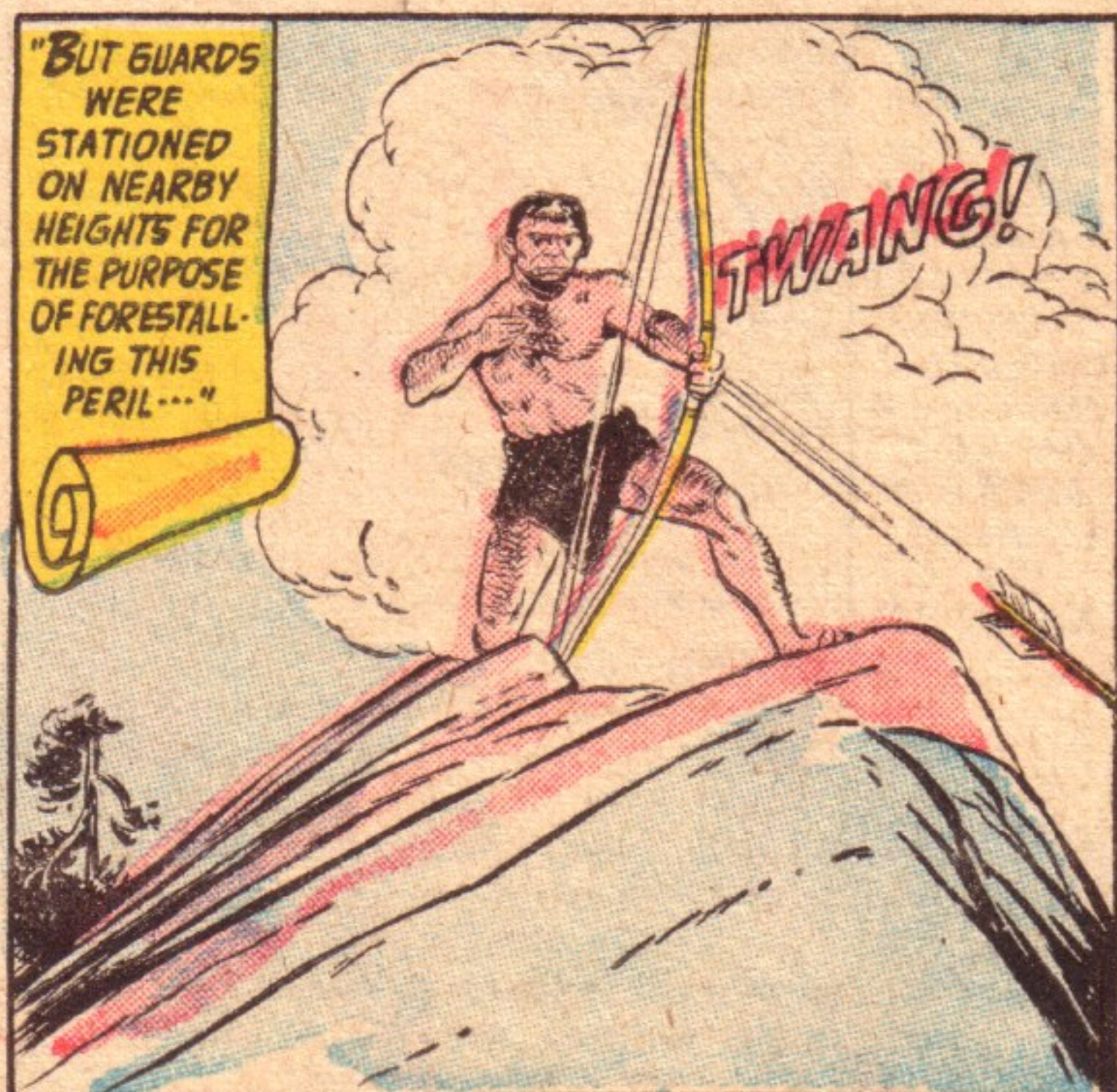
"ACCORDING TO ONE BELIEF, THE SUPERSTITION STARTED DURING THE ANCIENT TIME WHEN CAVE DWELLERS USED LADDERS TO MOUNT TO THEIR HOMES..."



"SOMETIMES, AN ENEMY WOULD TRY TO COME CLOSE WITHOUT BEING OBSERVED... AND THAT MEANT CREEPING IN UNDER THE LADDER..."



"BUT GUARDS WERE STATIONED ON NEARBY HEIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORESTALLING THIS PERIL..."



"SEE THE RESULTS? HERE'S ONE CHAP WHO GOT **BAD LUCK** APLENTY FROM WALKING UNDER A LADDER!"



"PERHAPS THERE WAS ANOTHER ORIGIN FOR THIS SUPERSTITION! LADDERS WERE FREQUENTLY USED IN OLD ENGLAND TO BRIDGE THE QUAGMIRE OF MUD THAT LAY CLOSE TO THE HOUSES..."



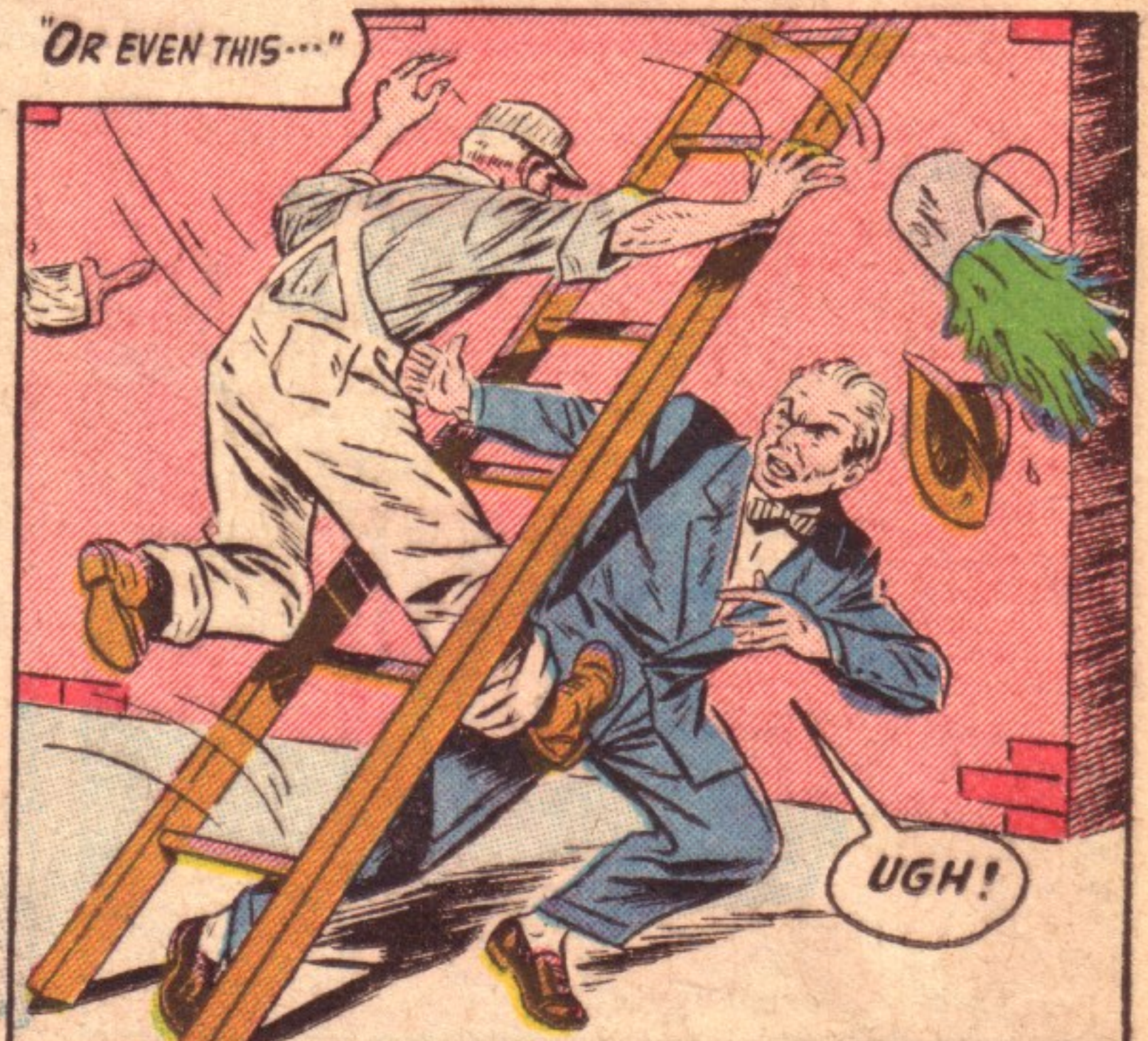
"SOMETIMES, HOWEVER, INEBRIATED HOUSEHOLDERS WOULD COME HOME AND STAGGER **UNDER** THE LADDER --- WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS!"



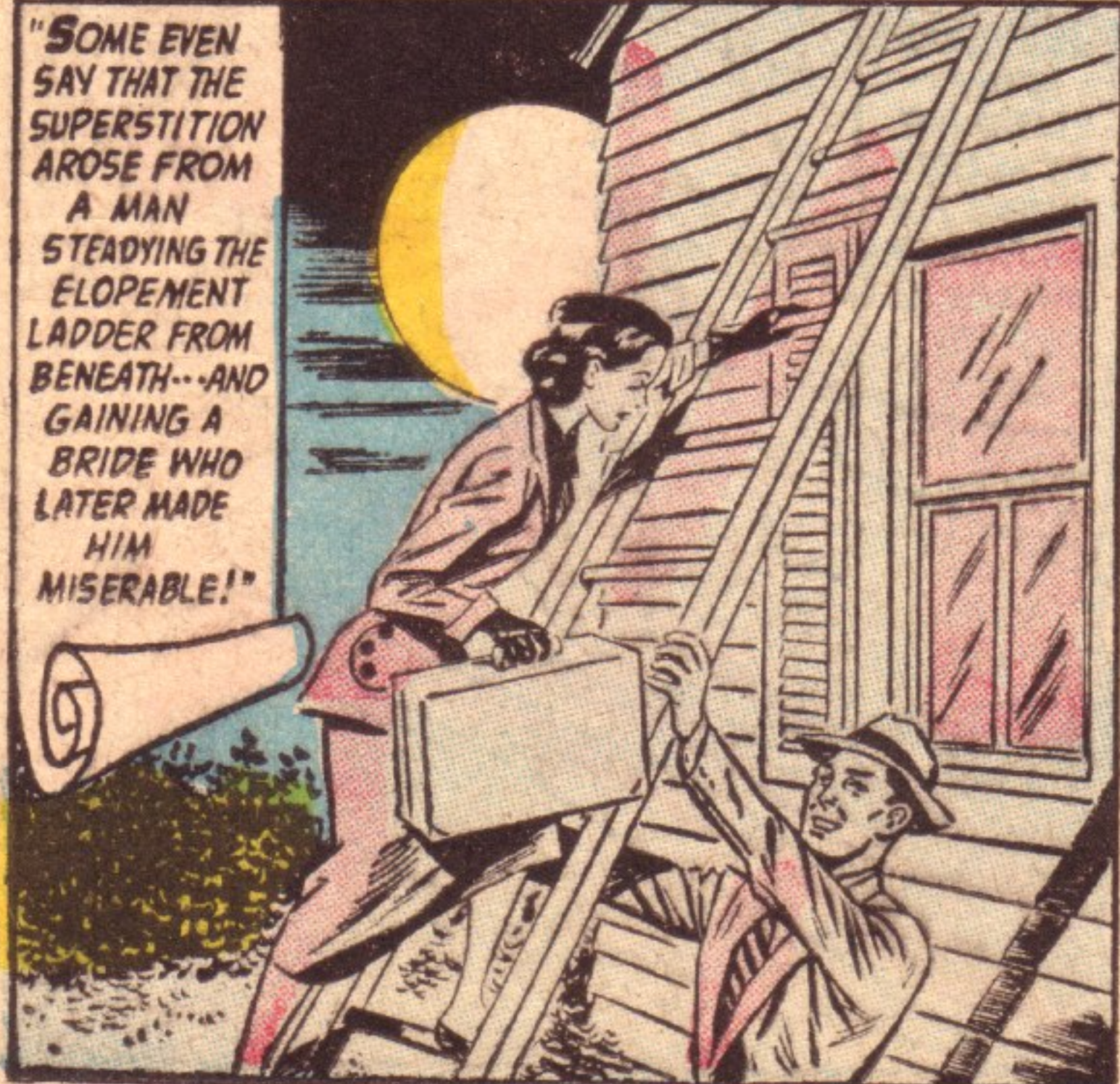
"THESE, OF COURSE, ARE SUPPOSITIONS! THE TRUTH, IN ALL PROBABILITY, WAS NEARER **THIS...**"



"OR EVEN THIS..."



"SOME EVEN SAY THAT THE SUPERSTITION AROSE FROM A MAN STEADYING THE ELOPEMENT LADDER FROM BENEATH...AND GAINING A BRIDE WHO LATER MADE HIM MISERABLE!"

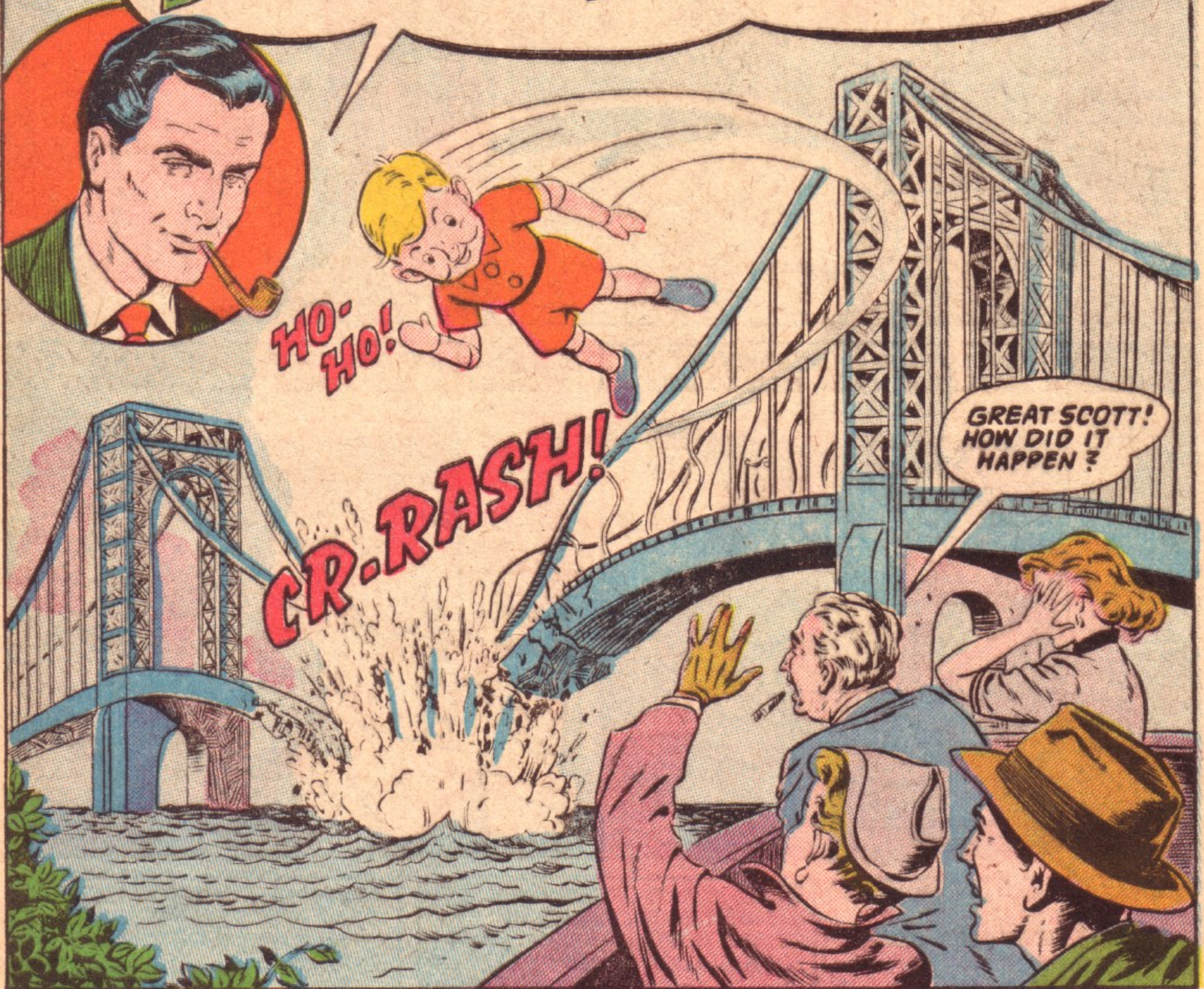


THAT'S THE STORY, AS WE KNOW IT! AND IF **YOU** HAVE A PET SUPERSTITION, READER, AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ITS ORIGIN... **JUST WRITE TO ME IN CARE OF THIS MAGAZINE!**



IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY HAPPY ACCIDENTS! BUT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME UNPLEASANT ONES, TOO... SUCH AS I ACHIEVED IN FINALLY CREATING...

PETER PLASTIC!



MY NAME'S **ERIC FENN!** DESPITE MY YOUTH, I WAS CHIEF OF THE DEVELOPMENT LABORATORIES OF THE UNDERWOOD EDUCATIONAL TOYS CORP... THE LARGEST SUCH FIRM IN THE WORLD...

STILL PLENTY OF BUGS IN OLD PETE... BUT I'M SURE I CAN LICK 'EM!

THEN DO IT! I'VE ALREADY SUNK A FORTUNE IN THAT THING!

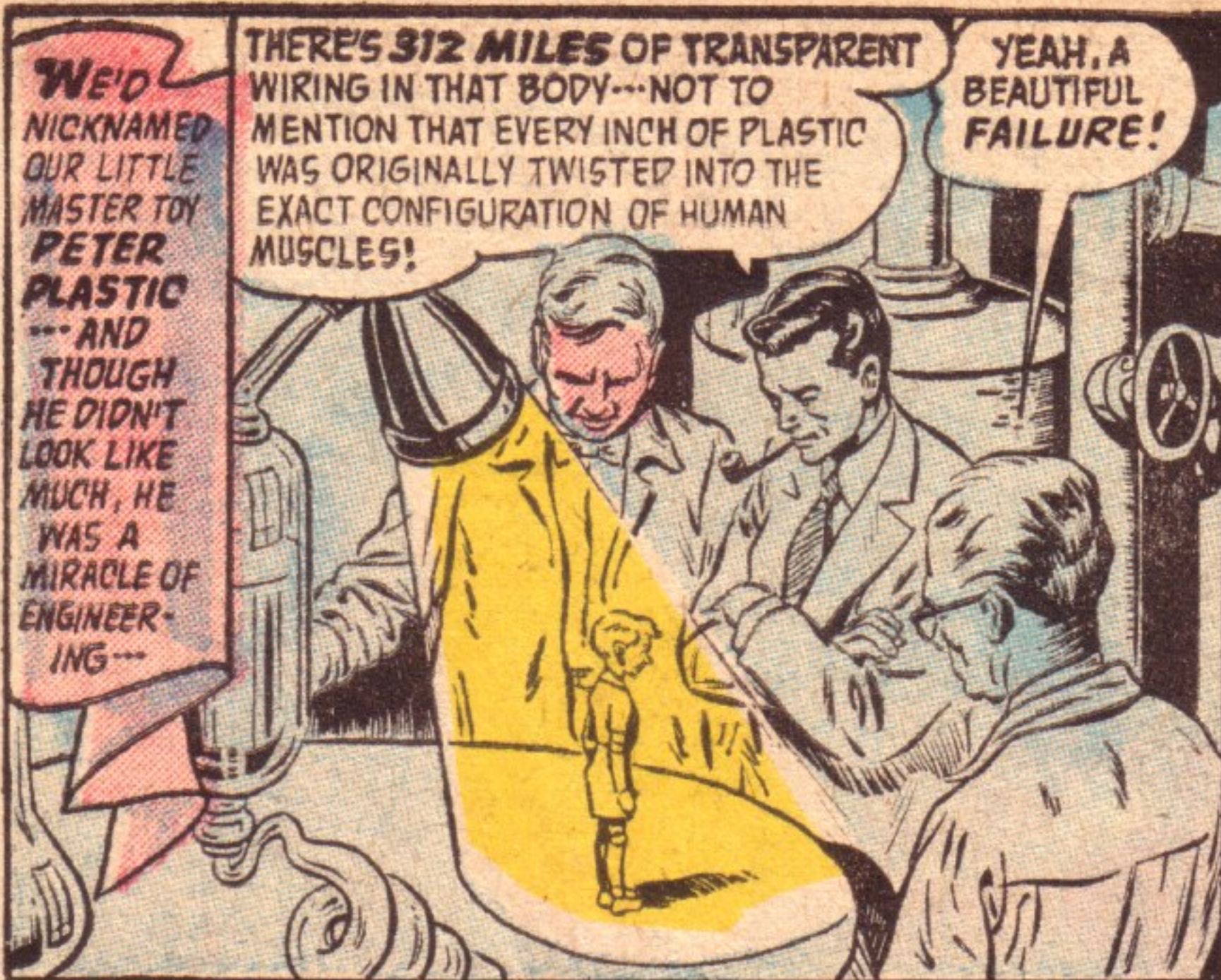
2YOT

FOR YEARS I'D BEEN TRYING TO DEVELOP A MECHANICAL TOY IN THE FORM OF A TINY PERSON WHICH COULD DO PRACTICALLY ANYTHING... WALK, RUN, JUMP, ETC! BUT SUCCESS ELUDED ME...

I'M DOING MY BEST, BOSS... BUT IT'S A COMPLEX PROBLEM!

LISTEN, ERIC... AS A BRILLIANT MECHANICAL ENGINEER, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SOLVE PROBLEMS!





WE'D NICKNAMED OUR LITTLE MASTER TOY **PETER PLASTIC**... AND THOUGH HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH, HE WAS A MIRACLE OF ENGINEERING...

THERE'S 312 MILES OF TRANSPARENT WIRING IN THAT BODY... NOT TO MENTION THAT EVERY INCH OF PLASTIC WAS ORIGINALLY TWISTED INTO THE EXACT CONFIGURATION OF HUMAN MUSCLES!

YEAH, A BEAUTIFUL FAILURE!



NOT YET! IF ONLY I COULD GET ENOUGH STRENGTH INTO ITS POWER PLANT TO ACTIVATE IT...

WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING, CHIEF! BUT WE CAN'T GET IT TO OPERATE FOR MORE THAN A MINUTE OR TWO!



OF COURSE, **PETER PLASTIC** WAS MUCH TOO EXPENSIVE TO PUT ON THE MARKET... OUR INVESTMENT WAS ONLY TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES...

ONCE IT WORKS, WE CAN **SIMPLIFY** IT... PUT IT IN **MASS PRODUCTION**! EVERY KID IN THE COUNTRY WILL WANT ONE!



IN DESPAIR I'D STARTED TO TAKE MY PROBLEM HOME WITH ME... WORKING TO THE SMALL HOURS OF MORNING...

ANOTHER DEAD END... I JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH **POWER**! WELL, I'D BETTER KNOCK OFF FOR THE NIGHT!



I LIVED IN A RATHER REMOTE OLD HOME ON LONG ISLAND... I WAS A MAN WHO ENJOYED SOLITUDE! THAT NIGHT THERE WAS A VIOLENT STORM...

CRACK!



TERRIFIC CLAPS OF THUNDER AND FLASHING STREAKS OF LIGHTNING SUDDENLY WOKE ME... NEARLY FLINGING ME OUT OF BED...

HOLY HANNAH! THE HOUSE HAS BEEN HIT!

CRACK!



I RACED FRANTICALLY DOWNSTAIRS... TO FIND MY WORKROOM A SHAMBLES, AND JUST IN TIME TO STAMP OUT A SMALL FIRE...

OH, NO! EVERYTHING'S BEEN RUINED! AND PETE... WHERE'S PETE?

I KEPT THINKING ABOUT THE \$50,000 INVESTMENT...BLOWN TO SMITHEREENS! BUT THEN I SPOTTED IT. MIRACULOUSLY INTACT...

IT GOT FLUNG WAY OVER HERE! FUNNY, IT'S GIVING OFF A **GLOW**!



CARELESSLY, I TRIED PICKING IT UP... AND A SEARING CURRENT SHOT THROUGH ME...

YEOWWW!

HOLY MACKEREL, IT'S **ELECTRICALLY CHARGED**! IT MUST HAVE TAKEN A **DIRECT HIT**!



I WATCHED THE THING GLOW LIKE A NEON TUBE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES... THEN, TO MY UTTER AMAZEMENT...

IT... IT'S MOVING! N-NO... I MUST BE **IMAGINING** THIS!



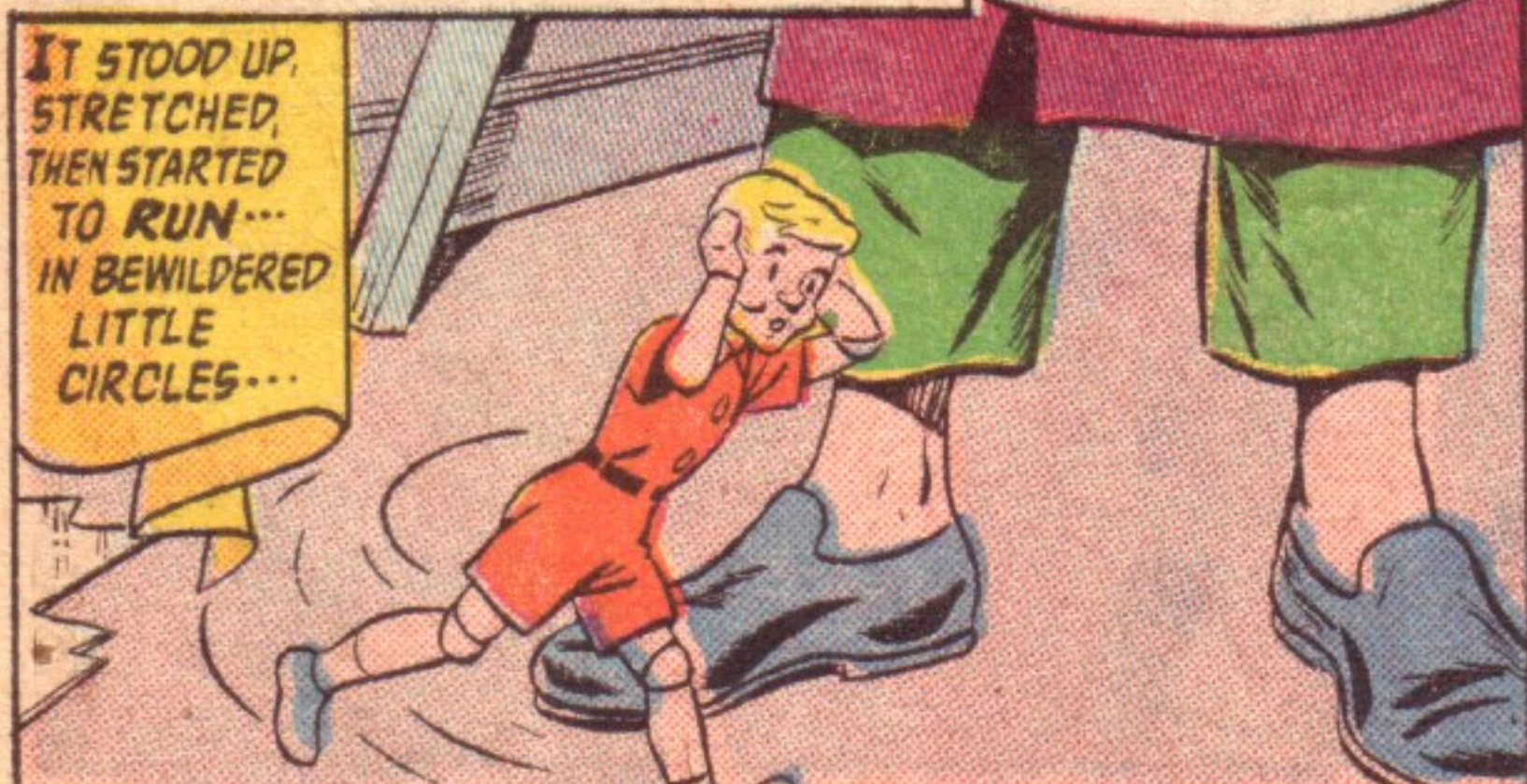
IT'S ACTING... **STUNNED**! AS IF... AS IF THE LIGHTNING **DAZED** IT! BUT THIS **CAN'T** BE HAPPENING...

THEN CAME A WEIRD BUZZING SOUND...AND BEFORE I'D GATHERED MY WITS TOGETHER...

GOOD GRIEF...IT'S **FLYING**!



IT STOOD UP, STRETCHED, THEN STARTED TO RUN... IN BEWILDERED LITTLE CIRCLES...



STILL INCREDULOUS, I DASHED OUTSIDE... AND IN THE BLACK SKY I COULD SEE IT EASILY...

IT'S STREAKING AWAY...THE WHOLE MECHANISM MUST BE **HAYWIRE**! MY GOSH, IT'LL BE A **JOB** FINDING THAT THING WHEN IT CRASHES!



I FIGURED ON STARTING A SEARCH FOR THE WRECKAGE IN THE MORNING, BUT AS I DROVE INTO TOWN...

REPORTS STILL POUR IN CONCERNING A STRANGE, GLOWING OBJECT...LOOKING VERY MUCH LIKE A **FLYING MAN**! THE AIR CORPS IS ALREADY INVESTIGATING THE RUMOR OF A POSSIBLE **VISITOR FROM ANOTHER PLANET**...

OH, NO!



I BARGED RIGHT IN ON THE BOSS AND TOLD EVERYTHING IMMEDIATELY...

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SPOTTING **PETER PLASTIC**! I NEVER DREAMED IT COULD REMAIN **AIRBORNE** THIS LONG!

I'VE GOT TO CALL THE NEWSPAPERS...TO STOP THE **PANIC**...



BUT THE SCREAMING HEADLINES IN THE AFTERNOON PAPERS CREATED EVEN MORE OF A SENSATION...



SCIENTISTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE SAYING THAT ERIC FENN MAY HAVE CREATED A NEW FORM OF LIFE!

ALL THAT DAY, THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKED FURIOUSLY! FOR ALMOST EVERY PLACE THE PLASTIC OBJECT WENT, A FIRE WAS LEFT IN ITS WAKE...



A BEVV OF SCIENTISTS AND CITY OFFICIALS CLOSED IN ON ME...

MY GUESS IS THAT THE FIRES RESULT FROM THE FACT THAT IT'S **ELECTRICALLY CHARGED!**

ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THERE'S **ANOTHER** REASON? SUPPOSE THAT... WELL, SUPPOSE THAT IT'S **INNATELY DESTRUCTIVE...**

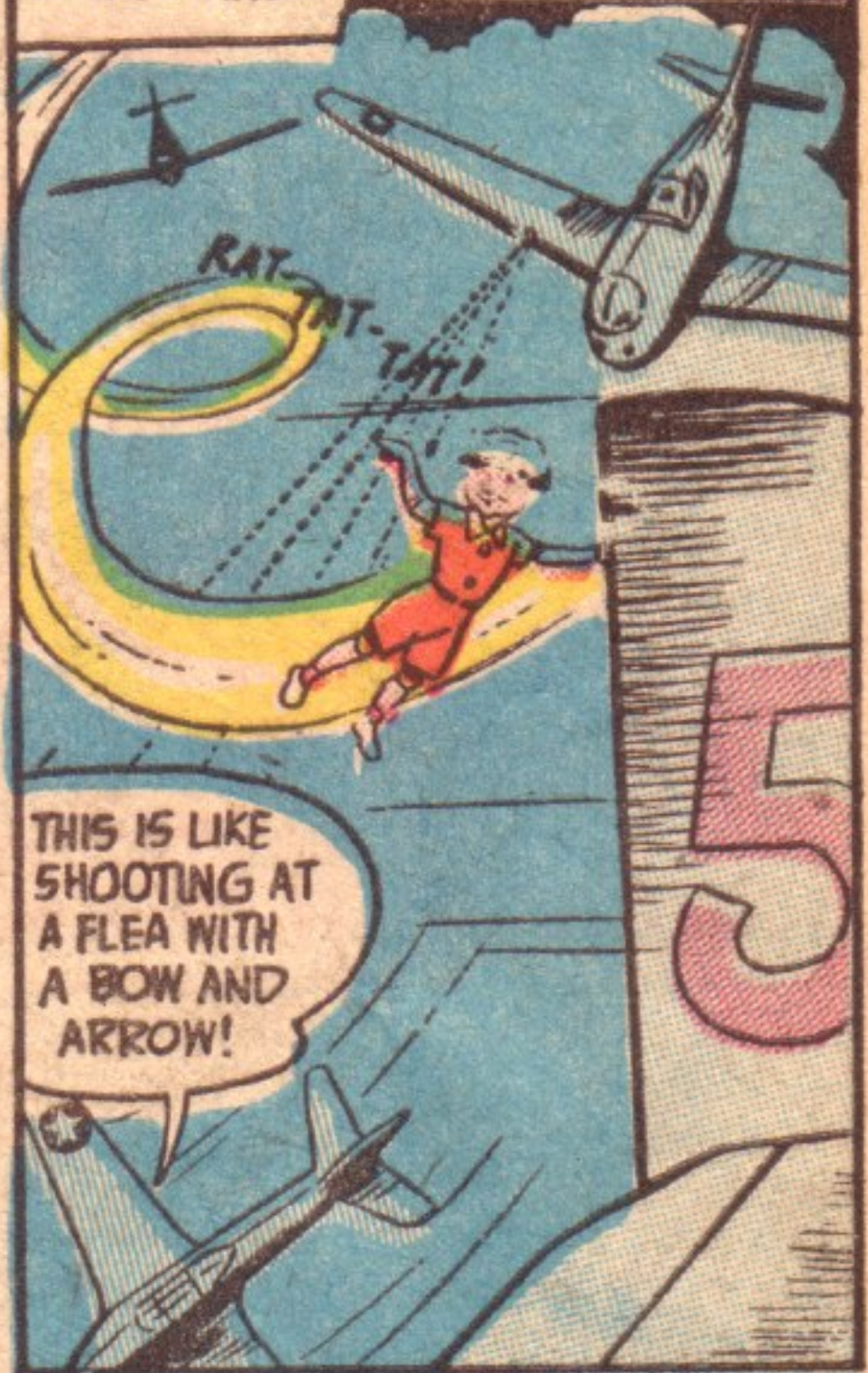


NONSENSE! PETER PLASTIC CAN'T **THINK**...AND HAS NO **FEELINGS!** IT'S JUST A MECHANICAL OBJECT GONE **HAYWIRE!**

HOW DO YOU **KNOW?** I SAY IT MAY ACTUALLY BE **ALIVE**...AND INCAPABLE OF REALIZING WHAT IT'S DOING! **IT'S GOT TO BE DESTROYED!**

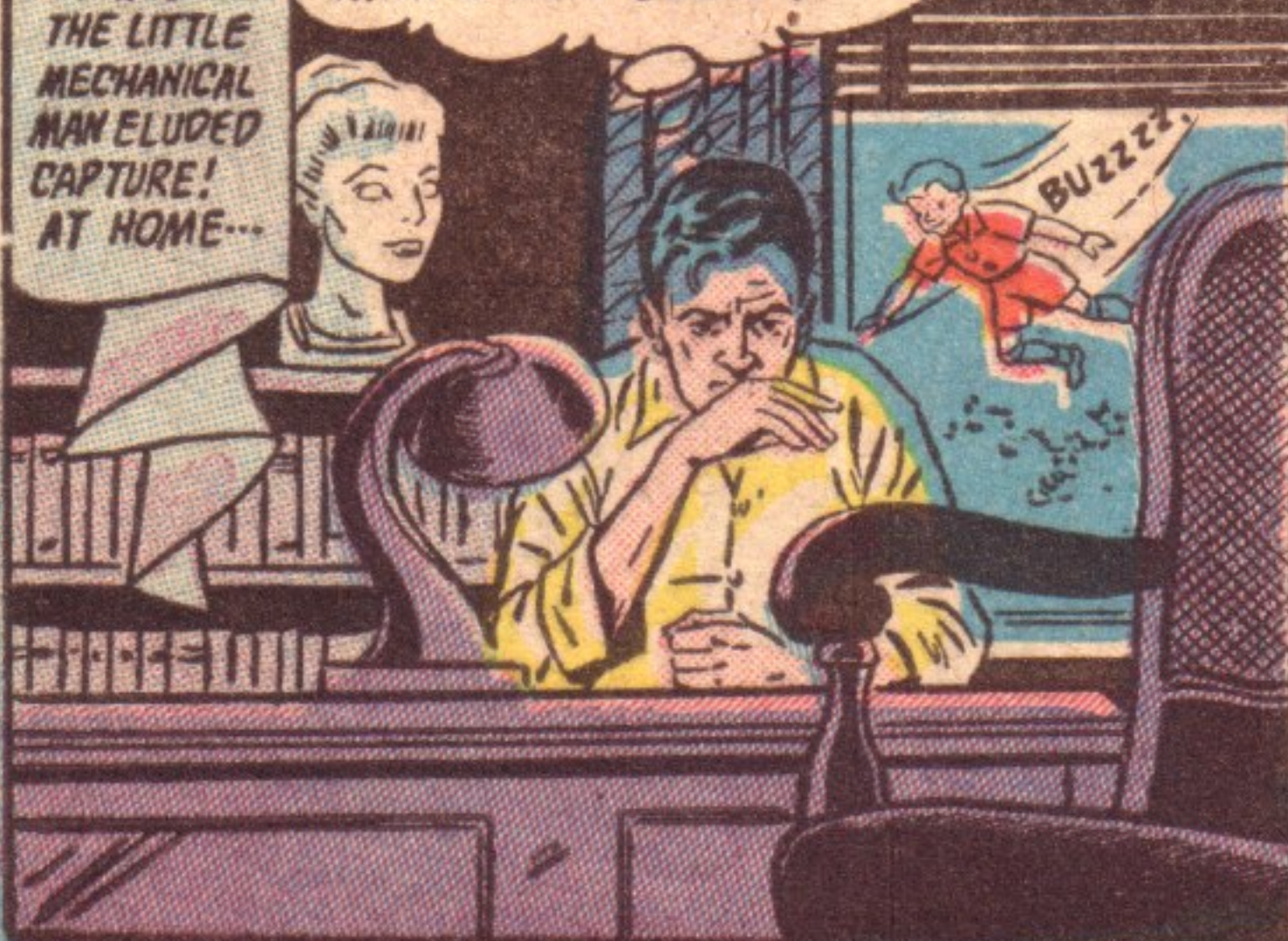


THE GREATEST HUNT IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY WAS SET IN MOTION...BUT PETER COULD NOT BE SNARED! WITH NIGHTFALL, HOWEVER, ITS GLOW GAVE IT AWAY, AND AIR CORPS FIGHTER PLANES OPENED FIRE...



FRANTIC DAYS PASSED...AND STILL THE LITTLE MECHANICAL MAN ELUDED CAPTURE! AT HOME...

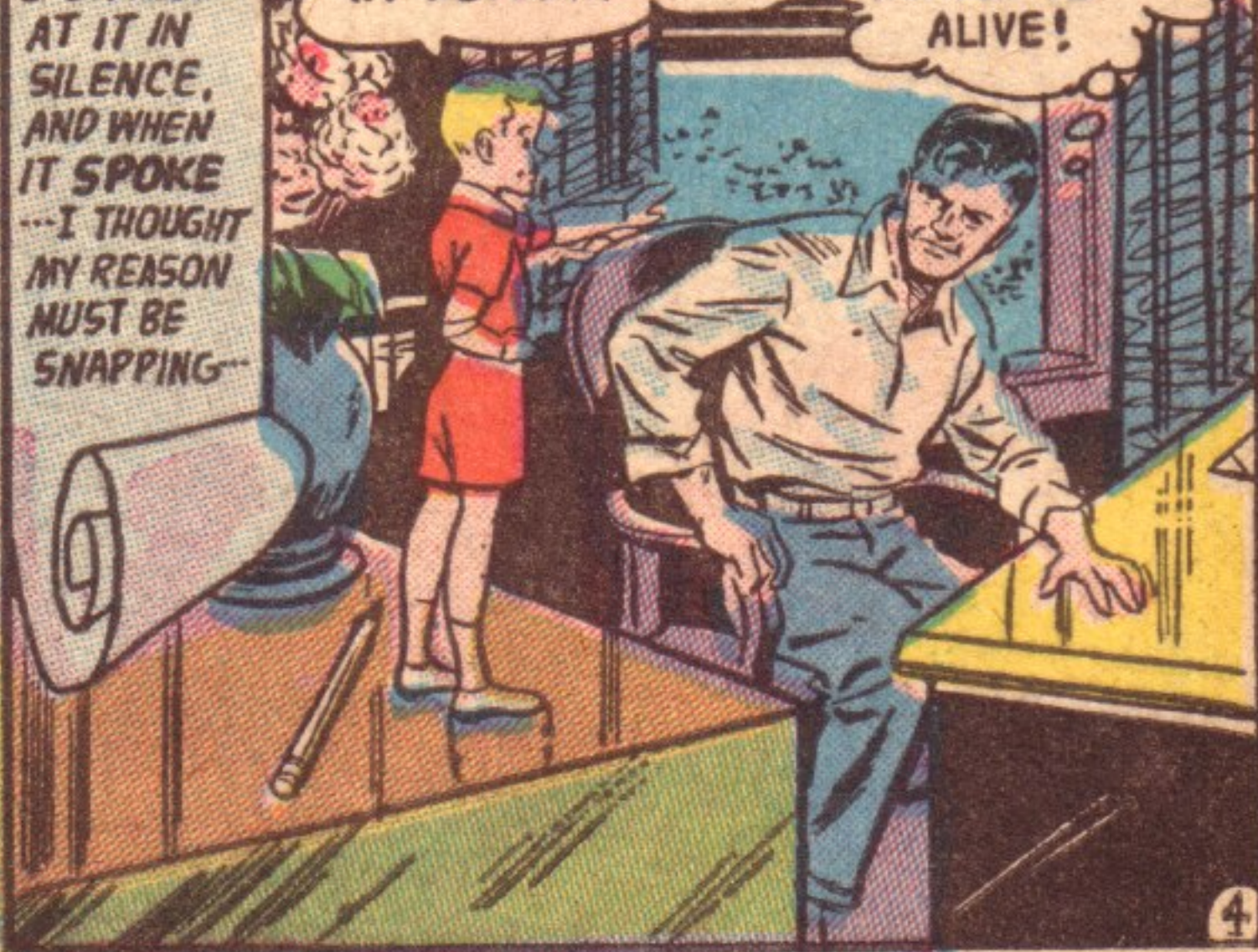
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND **HOW IT HAPPENED!** IS PETER A LIVING THING OR NOT?...WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

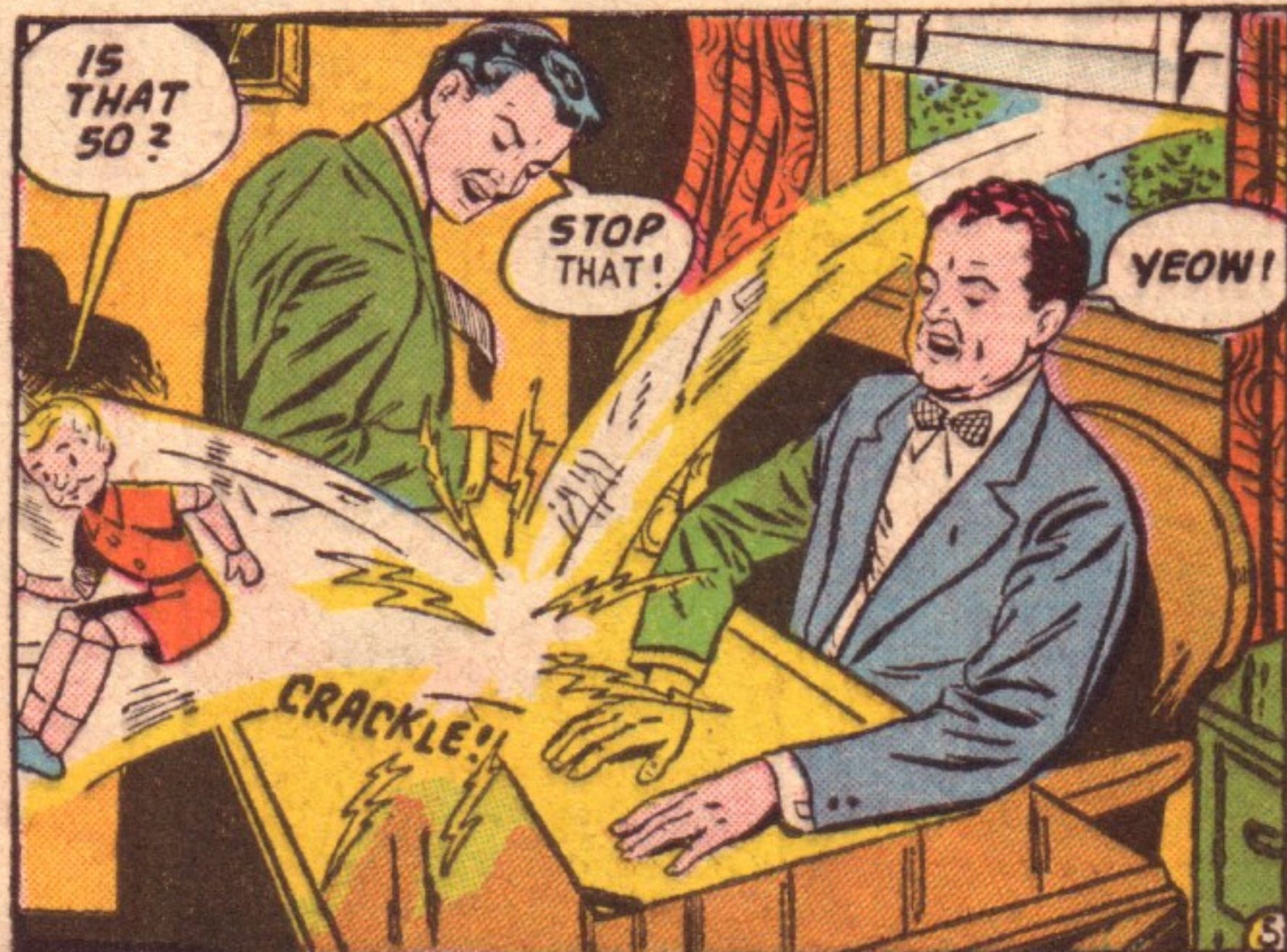
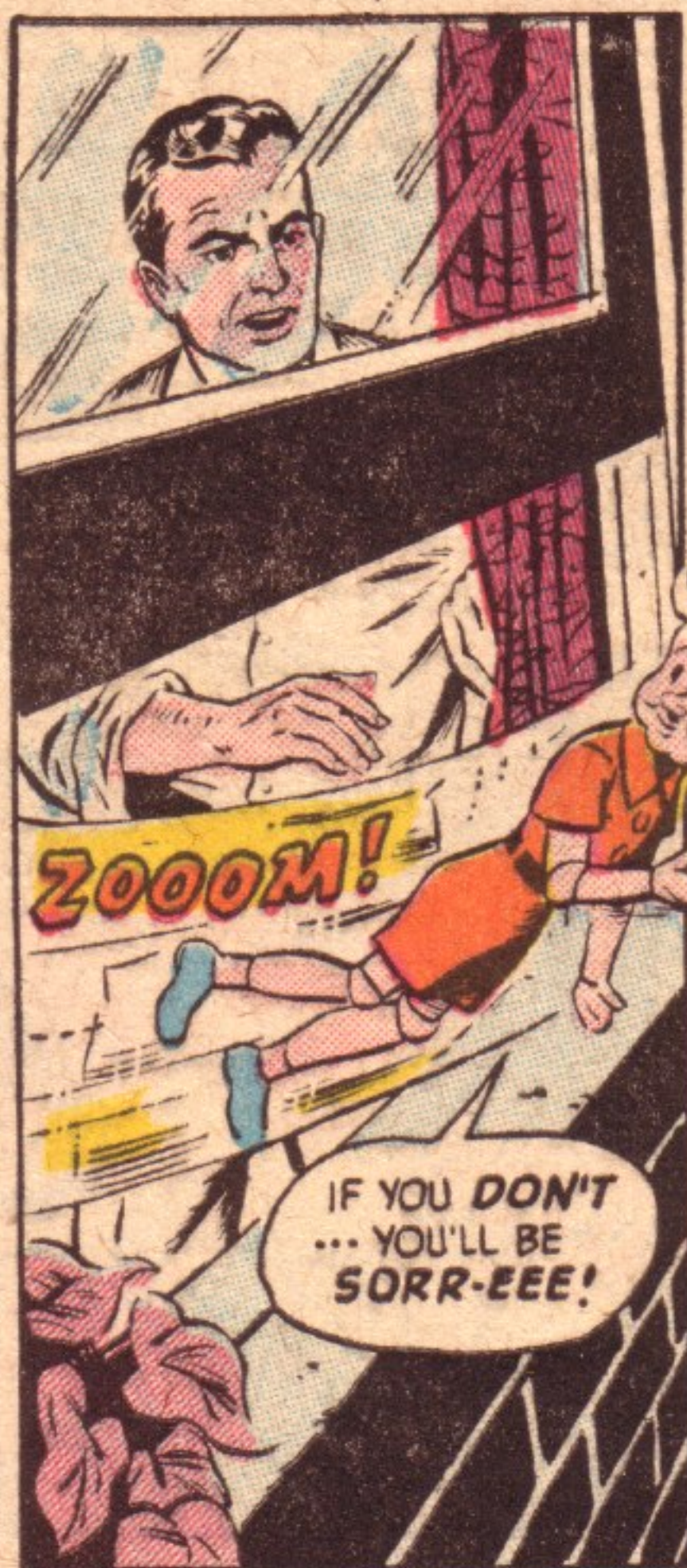


PETER! I STARED AT IT IN SILENCE, AND WHEN IT **SPOKE**...I THOUGHT MY REASON MUST BE **SNAPPING**...

I WANT A **FAVOR**, ERIC...AND I'LL DO **YOU** ONE IN RETURN!

IT...IT **DOES** HAVE INTELLIGENCE! IT **REALLY IS** ALIVE!



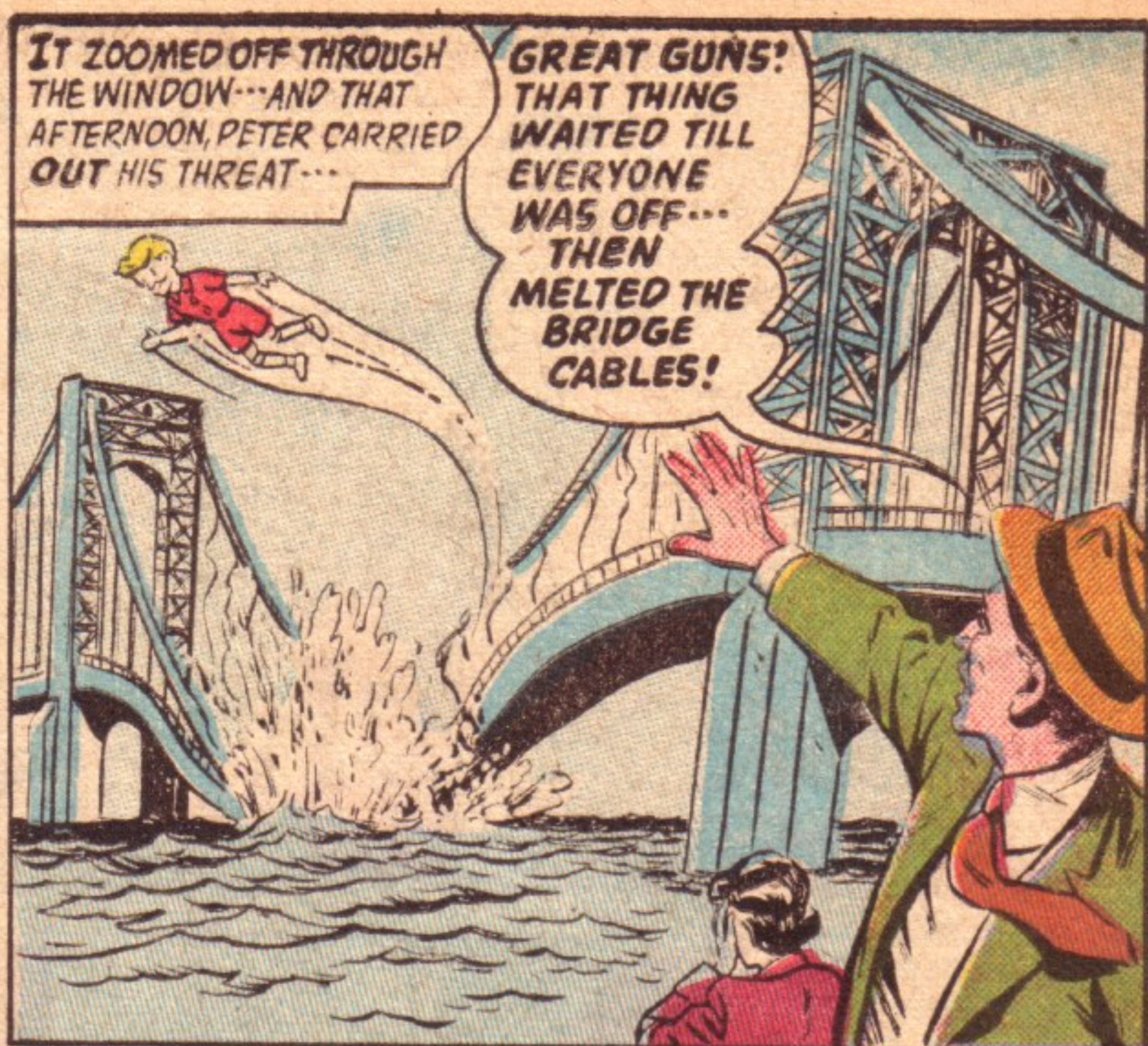




IT WAS ONLY A MILD SHOCK WE'D GOTTEN, BUT ENOUGH TO SHOW HOW TRULY DANGEROUS THIS TINY CREATURE WAS...

I WARNED YOU, ERIC... AND NOW I'LL SHOW YOU I MEAN BUSINESS!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?



IT ZOOMED OFF THROUGH THE WINDOW... AND THAT AFTERNOON, PETER CARRIED OUT HIS THREAT...

GREAT GUNS? THAT THING WAITED TILL EVERYONE WAS OFF... THEN MELTED THE BRIDGE CABLES!



WE CAN'T FOOL AROUND WITH THAT THING! BUILD A COMPANION! MAYBE THEN WE'LL BE RID OF IT!

YES, BUT CAN YOU TRUST IT?

IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, WHILE I WORKED SLAVISHLY TO BUILD A DUPLICATE, I WRACKED MY BRAIN FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM...

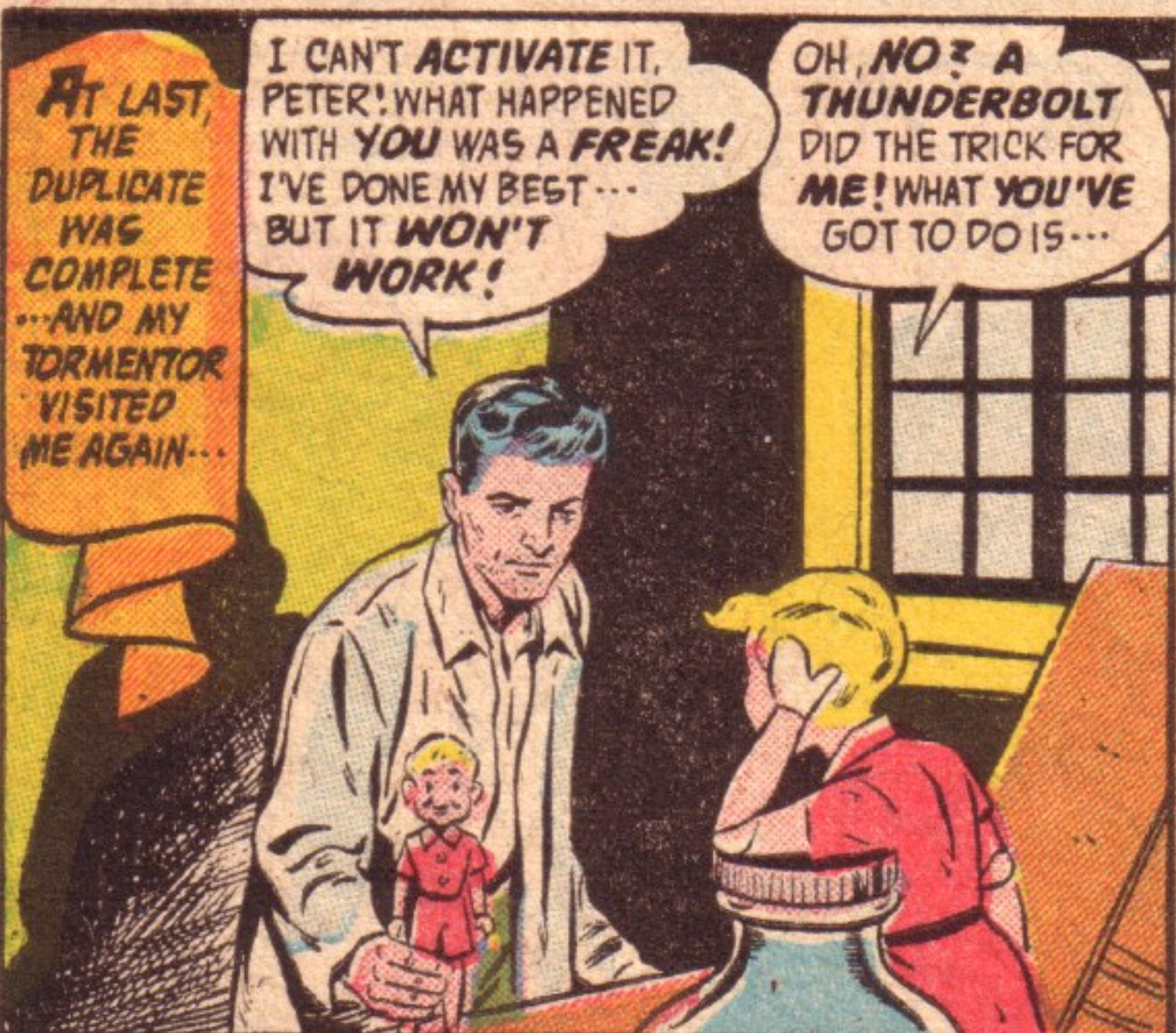
THESE THINGS POSE A REAL THREAT! HOW CAN I TRUST IN A PROMISE... FROM A THING WITH A PLASTIC CONSCIENCE?



NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, THE AIR CORPS PATROLLED THE SKIES, IN THE FORLORN HOPE THAT THEY MIGHT SHOOT PETER DOWN...



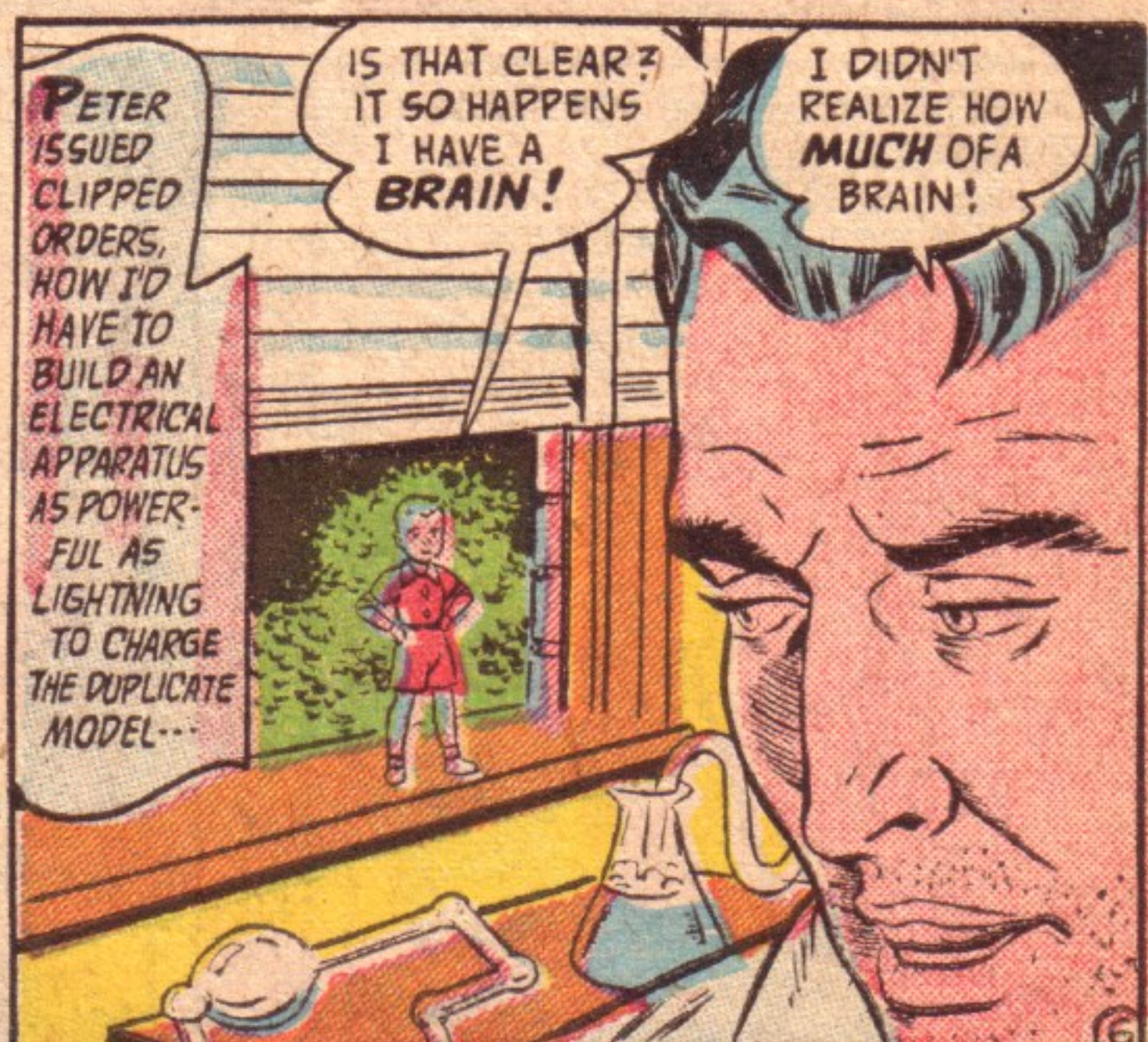
NO SIGN OF TARGET TONIGHT! GUESS IT'S GONE INTO HIDING!



AT LAST, THE DUPLICATE WAS COMPLETE... AND MY TORMENTOR VISITED ME AGAIN...

I CAN'T ACTIVATE IT, PETER! WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOU WAS A FREAK! I'VE DONE MY BEST... BUT IT WON'T WORK!

OH, NO? A THUNDERBOLT DID THE TRICK FOR ME! WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS...



PETER ISSUED CLIPPED ORDERS, HOW I'D HAVE TO BUILD AN ELECTRICAL APPARATUS AS POWERFUL AS LIGHTNING TO CHARGE THE DUPLICATE MODEL...

IS THAT CLEAR? IT SO HAPPENS I HAVE A BRAIN!

I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH OF A BRAIN!

ONLY AT GREAT COST WAS IT POSSIBLE TO BUILD SUFFICIENTLY POWERFUL ELECTRODES, BUT MY BOSS DIDN'T COMPLAIN...

NOW'S NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT **MONEY!** THE MAIN THING IS MAKING SOCIETY **SAFE**... AFTER ALL, IT'S **OUR FAULT!**

BUT HOW DO WE KNOW THEY'LL **GO AWAY?** THIS COULD BE **DOUBLE TROUBLE!**

PETER INSISTED ON ABSOLUTE PRIVACY WHEN THE WORK WAS COMPLETE! WE WERE ALONE IN THE LAB, LONG AFTER DARK...

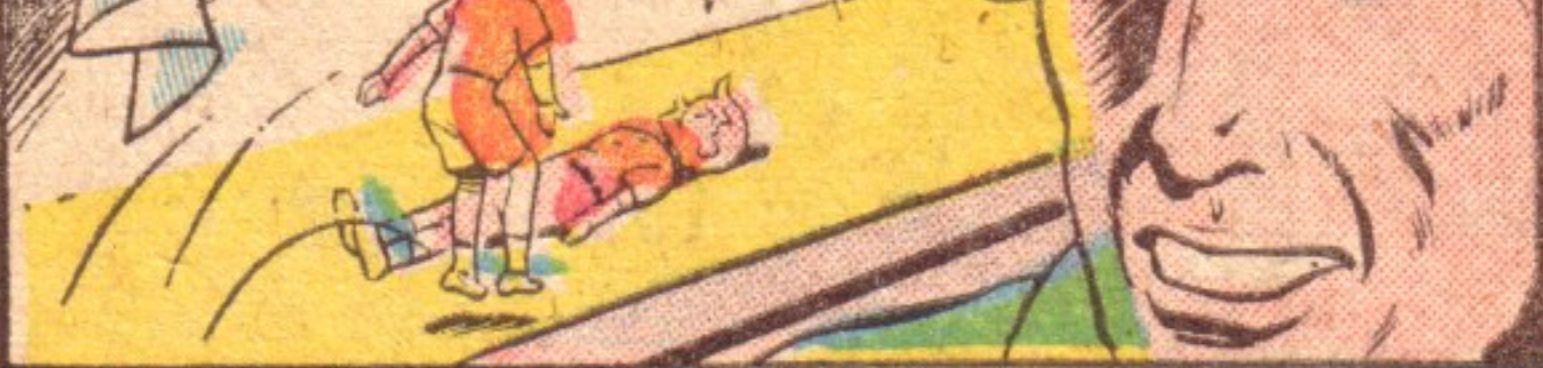
WELL, EVERYTHING'S SET!

WAIT! I THINK I'LL TAKE A DOSE OF THAT ELECTRICITY **TOO!**

IT WAS THEN I NOTICED HOW HIS GLOW WAS **DIMMING**...

I'VE BEEN **RUNNING** DOWN THE LAST TWO DAYS... I NEED ANOTHER SHOT OF ENERGY!

WAIT A MINUTE! IF YOU NEED IT NOW, YOU'LL NEED IT **AGAIN... AND AGAIN...**



I REALIZED THEN THAT PETER HAD BEEN LYING ABOUT GOING AWAY! HE'D NEED BOOSTER SHOTS CONSTANTLY...

DON'T TRY TO BACK OUT... IT MIGHT NOT BE **WISE!**

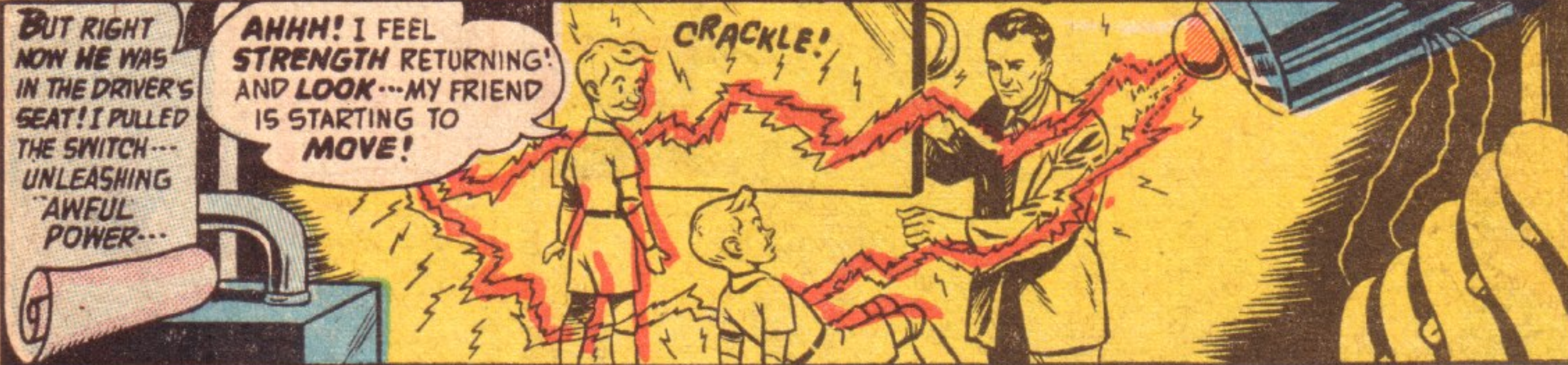
YOU LITTLE MONSTER! I'LL FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO STOP YOU **YET!**



BUT RIGHT NOW HE WAS IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT! I PULLED THE SWITCH... UNLEASHING **AWFUL POWER**...

AHHH! I FEEL **STRENGTH** RETURNING! AND **LOOK**... MY FRIEND IS STARTING TO **MOVE!**

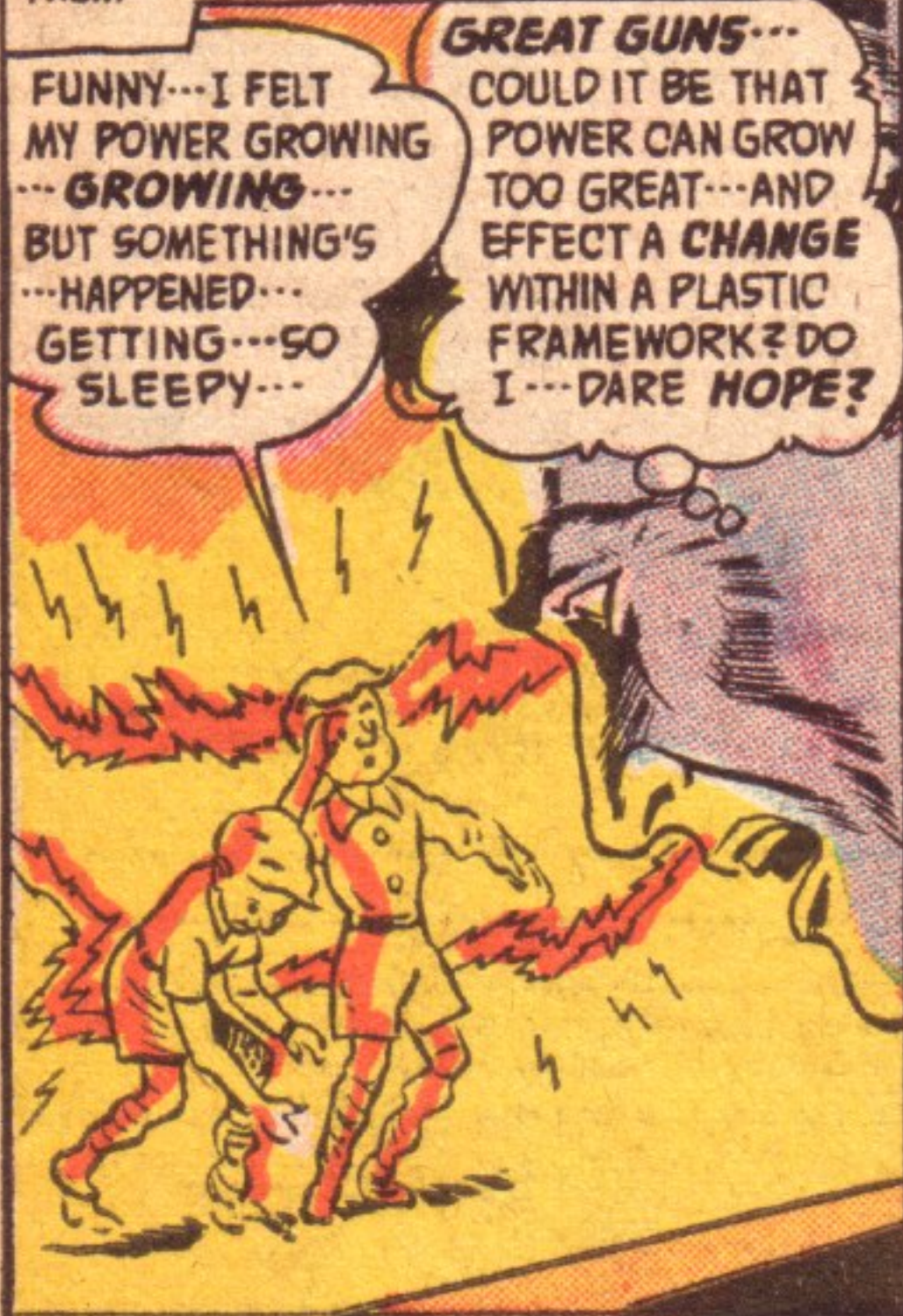
CRACKLE!



THE ROOM WAS FILLED WITH THE DAZZLE OF A THOUSAND THUNDERBOLTS! THE DUPLICATE WAS NOW **STANDING**... BUT A STRANGE LASSITUDE SEEMED TO GRIP THEM...

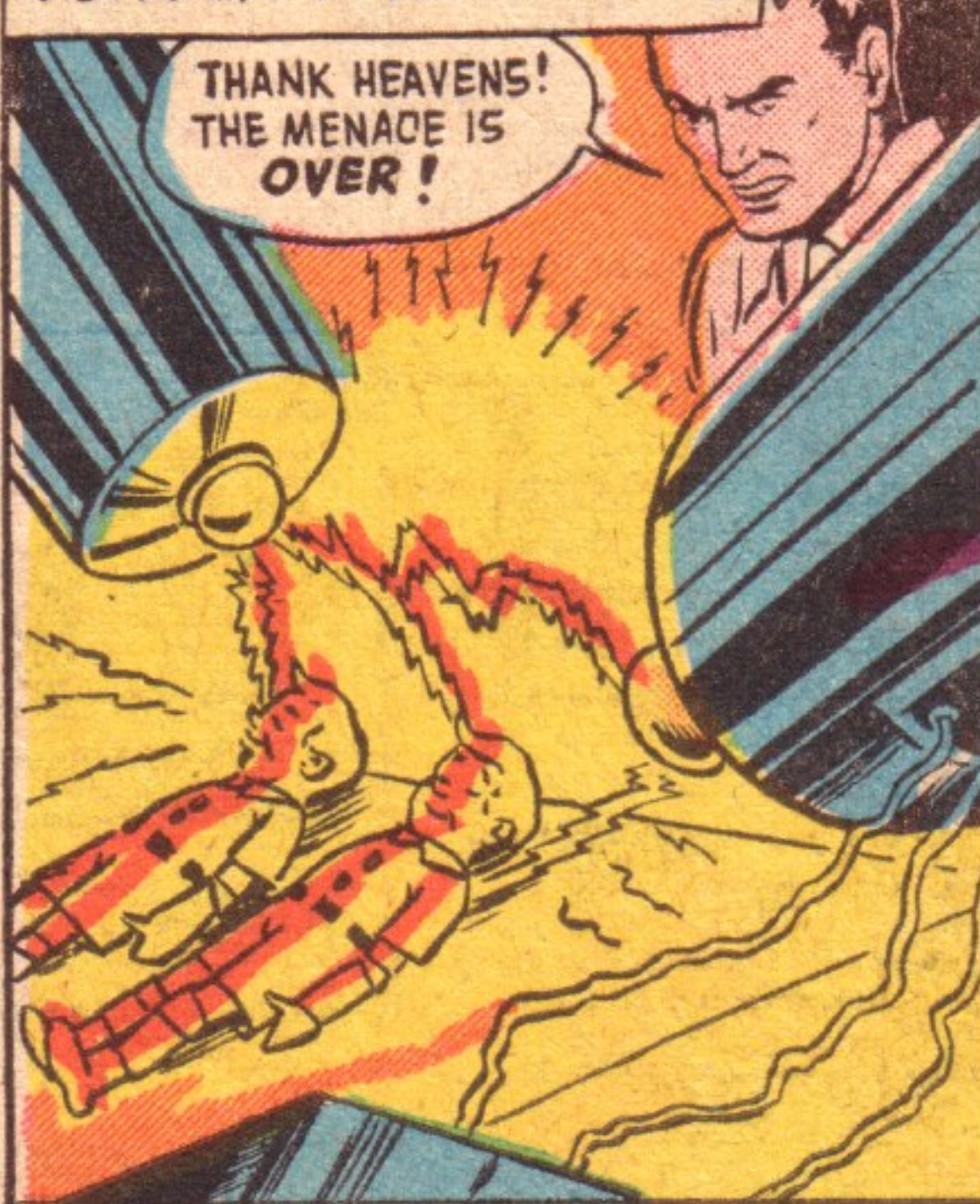
FUNNY... I FELT MY POWER GROWING... **GROWING**... BUT SOMETHING'S HAPPENED... GETTING... SO SLEEPY...

GREAT GUNS... COULD IT BE THAT POWER CAN GROW TOO GREAT... AND EFFECT A **CHANGE** WITHIN A PLASTIC FRAMEWORK? DO I... DARE **HOPE?**



DOWN STREAMED THE RELENTLESS CURRENT! DROWSILY, THE PUPPETS YAWNED, SANK TO THE TABLE TOP! AND AS THEIR EYES CLOSED IN SLEEP, I KNEW THAT THEY WERE RETURNING TO INANIMATE BEINGS THAT WOULD NEVER AGAIN ENDANGER HUMANKIND!

THANK HEAVENS! THE MENACE IS **OVER!**



YES, THE MENACE WAS NO MORE... BUT IT HAD COST MY COMPANY **MILLIONS!** I WONDERED WHETHER WE COULD STAY IN BUSINESS...

STOP WORRYING! WE LOST MILLIONS, BUT GOT PUBLICITY WORTH **BILLIONS!** WE'LL SELL OUR PRODUCTS LIKE HOTCAKES... BUT REMEMBER, NO MORE **PLASTIC MEN!** WE'RE STICKING TO **CHEMICAL SETS!**



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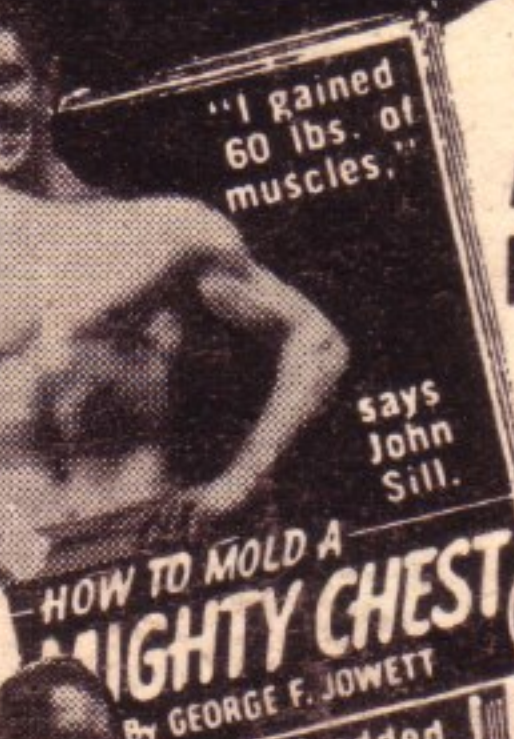
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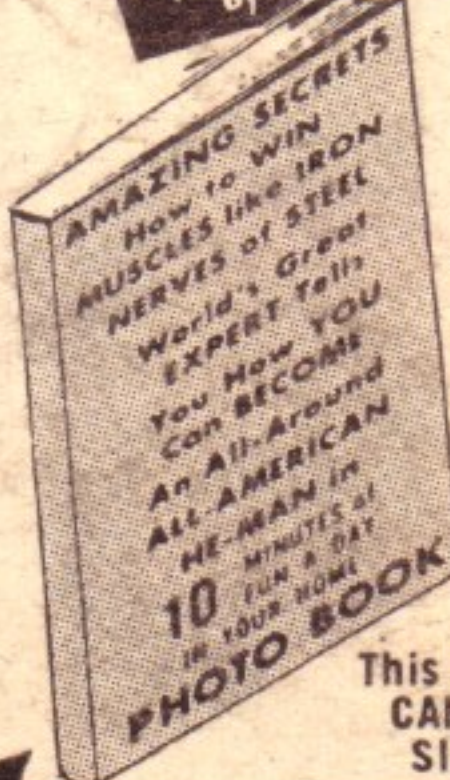
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